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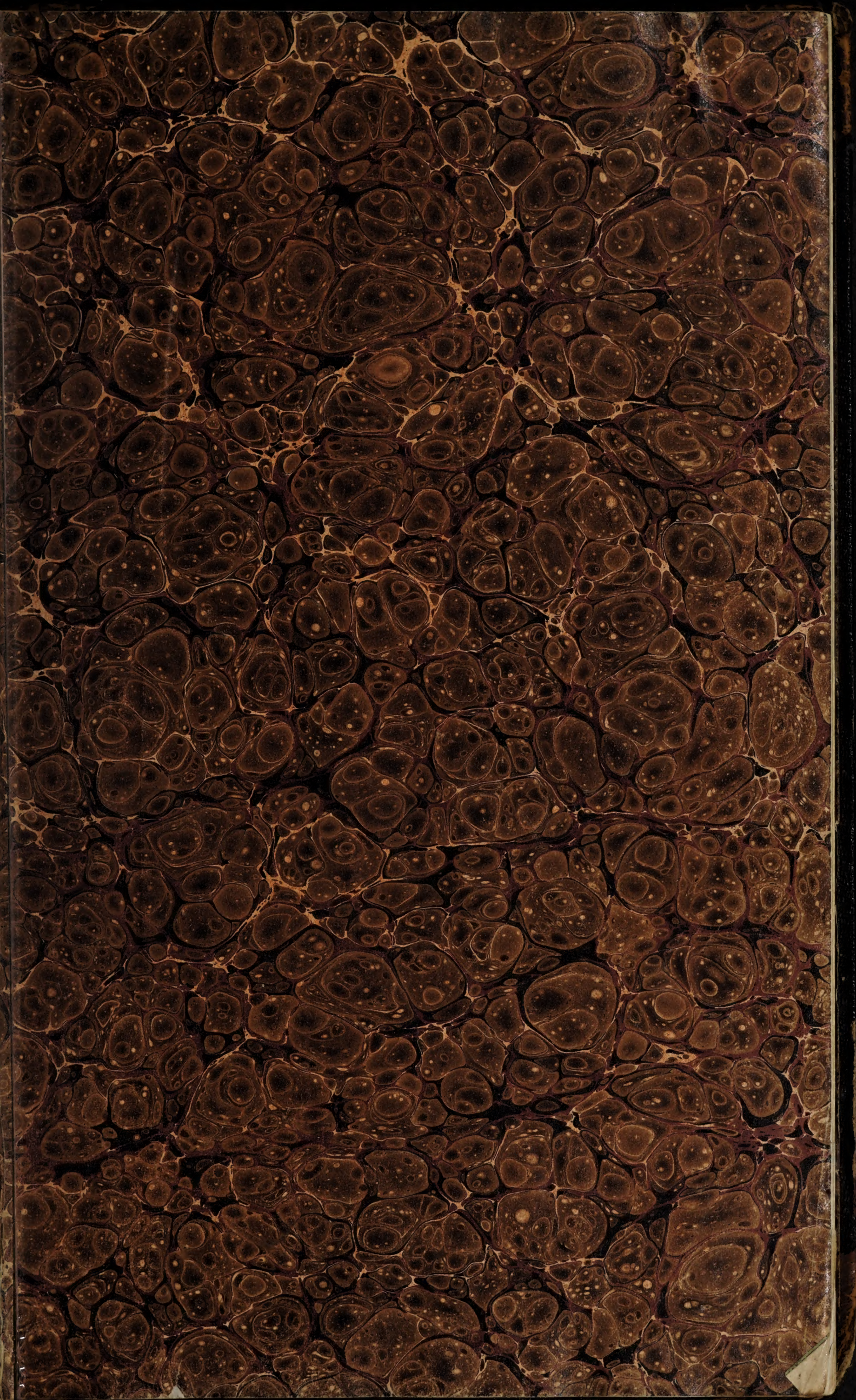
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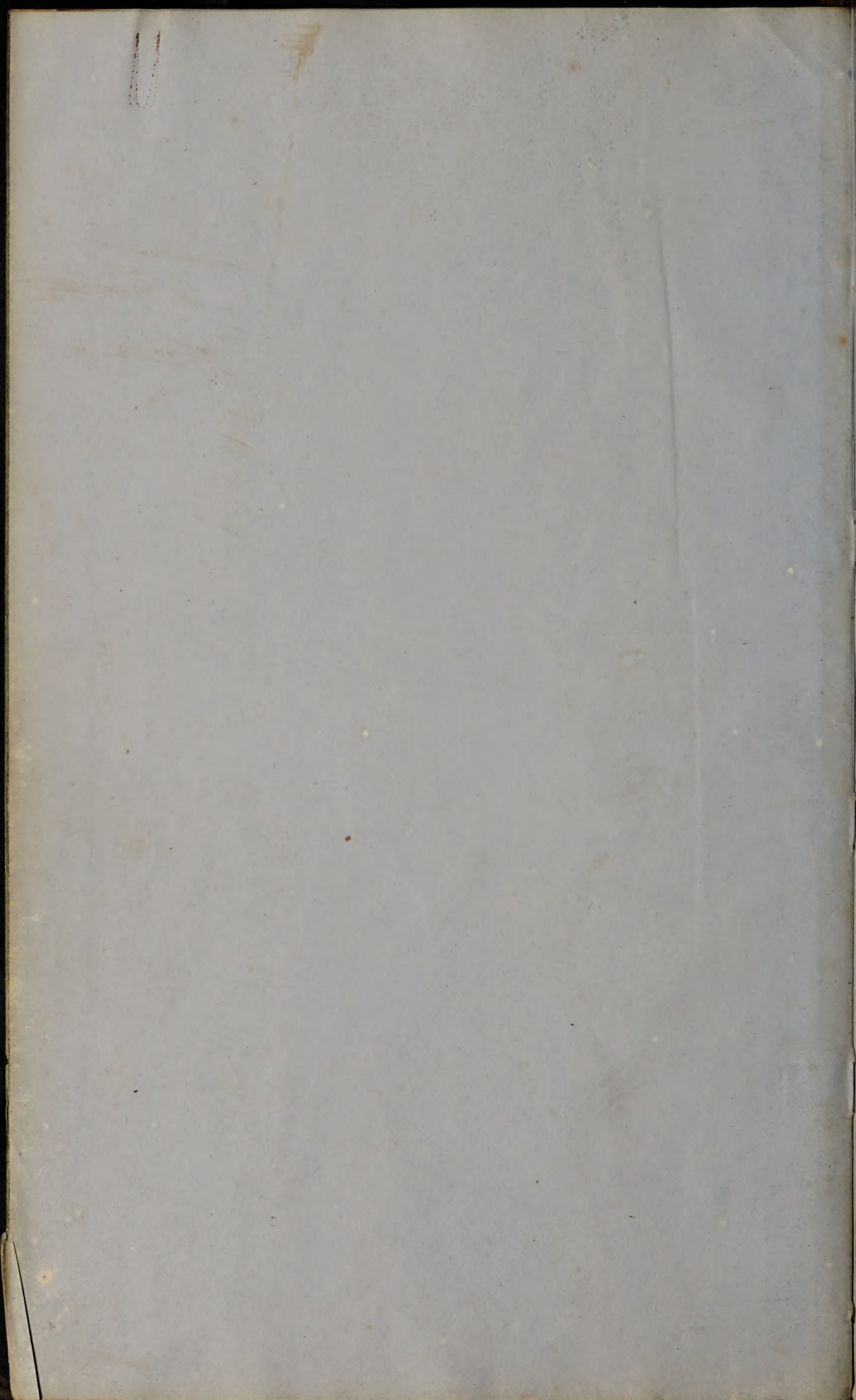


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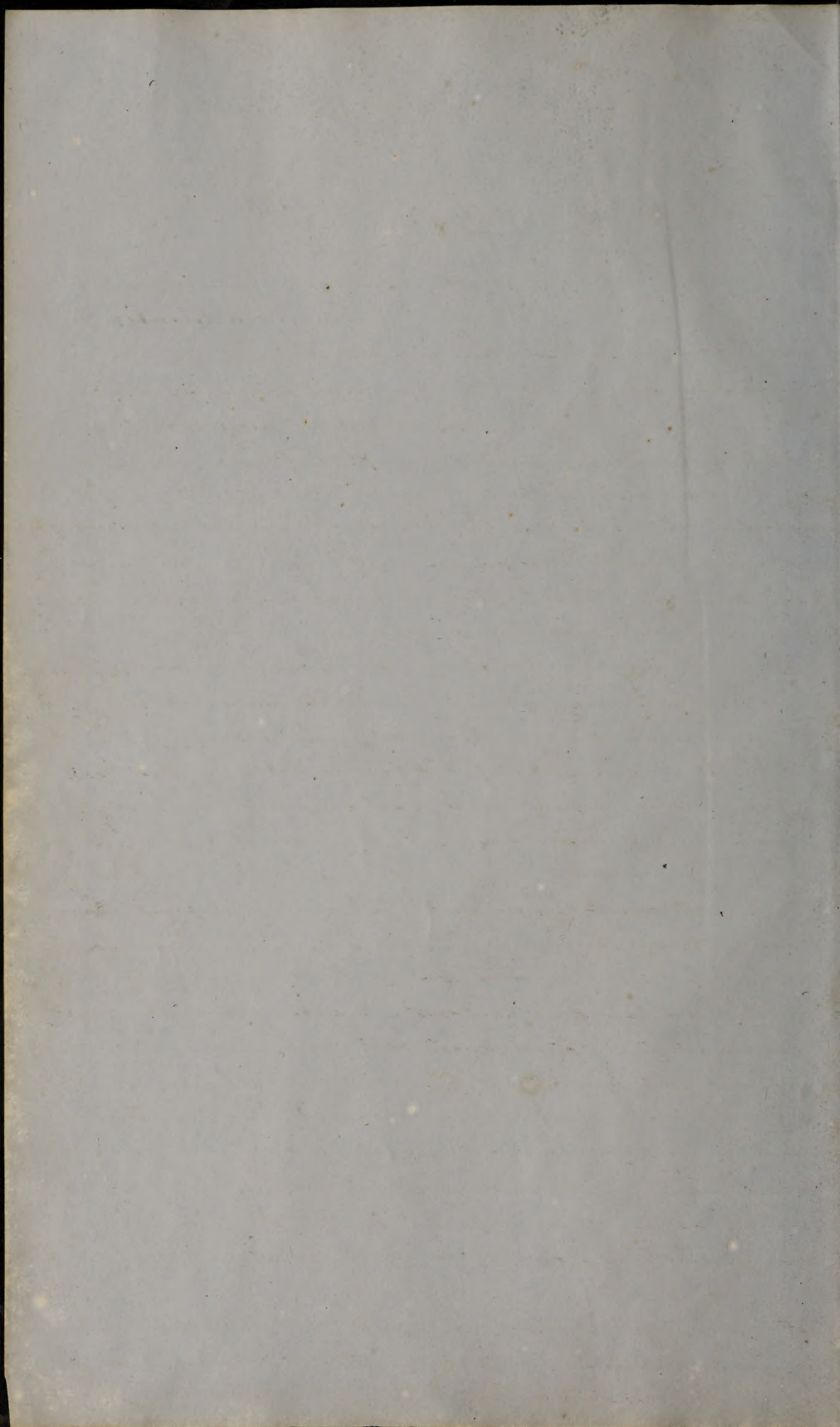






Journal of  
Whaling voyage of  
Ship Addison of  
New Bedford. Mass.  
Captain Samuel Lawrence.  
Written by Mrs. Samuel Lawrence  
(The Captain's best "mate".)  
Vol 1.







Ship Oddison. Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. 1856.

As this is my first experience in sea-faring life, I have thought it advisable to attempt keeping a journal, not for the purpose of interesting any one out of my own private family, but thinking it might be useful to myself or my child for future reference. We left New Bedford on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1856, with a sad heart knowing not whether we should ever behold the faces of friends near and dear to us again on earth. God grant we may all meet in that better land, where the parting tear is never shed, the word "good bye" never spoken. We had a good wind from the Eastward and a fine sail down the bay, out into the wide Ocean which is to be my home for months and years to come.

Went on deck before dark to take my last look at my native land. With what different feelings shall I behold it, should I be permitted to return.

The next day, was sick man or less throughout the day, got over it before night, but Minnie's sea sickness lasted through the next day. We were very fortunate in getting over it as we did, for we had exceedingly rough weather for ten days, a constant gale from the West. Not much transpired during that time, except the ordinary duty on board ship. Each one had as much as he could do to look out for himself. As for Minnie and myself, we were obliged to sit in our beds the whole time except as we went on deck. It was of no use for us to attempt to sit up in the cabin for we were tossed from one side to the other without the least mercy.

27<sup>th</sup>. Thanking at home, what a pity we could not have remained at home until after that event. We all thought, we should relish a plate of Grandmother's rice



Turkey for dinner, as we were sitting on deck, but had no appetite for any thing they had here. I delight to be on deck and watch the Ocean in its varying moods.

Only "they that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters, see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep." For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the Heaven and go down again into the depths." It sometimes seems impossible that we can live through it. But our gallant ship rides along fearlessly. It is grand beyond any thing I ever witnessed. Sublimity itself.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. The first day of winter, seems not much like it with us. How I should enjoy a calm day. think I shall get accustomed to gales if this continues much longer.

5<sup>th</sup>. One year to day, since dear Brother Augustus left home and friends to embark on the ocean. In five short months he found a stranger's grave, far away from wife, children and friends. Stranger hands bathed his brow and cooled his parched tongue. It is a satisfaction to surviving friends, that his remains could be brought home, and placed in a spot of his own selection.

7<sup>th</sup>. Another Sabbath has dawned upon us. It seems somewhat different from other days, even here. No one unnecessarily employed, most of the company engaged in reading. It seems like a day of rest. But no Sabbath bell greets our ear. No holy man of God, proclaims to us the glad tidings of the Gospel. They may be found when diligently sought for, and a Sabbath well spent at sea, in communing with our own hearts, and reading God's holy word may be productive of ~~my~~ much good.

8<sup>th</sup>. Moderates a little, till that is enough to be thankful for. We have had a long gale, and been tossed about enough to appreciate good weather, when it does make its appearance. Saw two birds flying about the ship which seemed much like home, they were tropic birds.

10<sup>th</sup>. Had a very still night and to day it is delightful a pleasant breeze and just warm enough for comfort, went on deck immediately after breakfast, to view old Ocean in another aspect. Every thing is smiling and serene, one would



never suspect the treachery that lurks in his bosom -  
 Every thing seems changed. This is one of the most  
 delightful moments of my life. I do not wonder that  
 so many choose a sailor's life, it is a life of hardship,  
 but it is a life full of romance and interest. As I  
 went on deck the first <sup>light</sup> that greeted my eyes, saw the  
 pigs and chickens running about at large on deck.  
 altogether <sup>they</sup> made an appearance so homelike, that I  
 could hardly realize that I was thousands of miles away  
 from home.

21<sup>st</sup> For the last ten days nothing of interest has transpired  
 during the most of our passage, the sea has been rather  
 rough, and the wind not very favorable. Occasionally  
 we catch a glimpse of a distant vessel, and as we are  
 going different directions they soon vanish, and we are  
 left alone, a solitary speck on the beam. Several  
 days ago, several dolphins were following the ship  
 for some time, but they did not succeed in catching  
 any of them, to my disappointment. Flying fish are  
 very plenty, one flew over the side of the ship, one day and  
~~the~~ the steward cooked him for my breakfast, was very  
 nice, tasted some like a fresh herring. Have seen none  
 of those "monsters of the deep" yet, although occasionally  
 we hear from the mast-head, the cry of "there blows",  
 and we are now nearly to the line, it is very warm  
 indeed, not much, I imagine like the weather at home.  
 Minnie enjoys herself very much, running about on deck  
 and making new acquaintances, Her little heart  
 swells sometimes when she thinks of her dear friends  
 she left behind. Yesterday I broke a wish bone with  
 her she wished that "she could see Aunt Susan".

23<sup>rd</sup> Nothing of interest occurred except catching a few fish  
 of the kind called "Skip-jack", not the nicest that  
 we were caught, but very good in the absence of better.  
 We have very well many on the hand, would be glad to have  
 the luxuries which we enjoy. There is one luxury which I  
 will note in my journal, for fear that I may forget it, when I  
 get home, and provide for the table myself. A pumpkin  
 with a round piece cut out at the top, to take the seeds and



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inside out, then filled up with stuffing and the little cap put on again, and stima. It comes on the table whole, with the stem, in the centre of the cap.

24th, A very pleasant day, but we are not going as we would wish, are too near Cape St Roque, expect to have to beat, in order to get by. We have a very good steward, but are not as fortunate with our cooks. are trying the fourth now, (five weeks out) The first was good for nothing, the second did not like being in the galley, it made his head ache, the third had sore hands, so that he could not perform duty, and I cannot say what will befall the fourth.

25th Christmas. It seems to me very much as if it had come in July, instead of December, we generally associate Christmas with cold weather. Stima hung up her stocking last night, she was fearful that she should get nothing in it, as we could not go to the store, but she succeeded as well for edibles as if she had been at home.

We had quite a Christmas dinner, Roast Chickens stuffed potatoes, turnips onions, stewed cranberries, pickled beets and cucumbers, and a plum duff. For tea, I had a tin of preserved grape, opened, and cut a loaf of fruit cake. The 25th of Nov. I went on deck before dark to take my last look at my native land (for the present) and to night (just a month) went to take my first look at a foreign land! Cape St Roque is in sight, so she shall have to beat to night.

26th A ship in sight, at a distance, in the same predicament that we are, Missing Loues company - Stima is very happy, I think she enjoys herself as well as if she were at home. She came to me the other day, to know if, when she got old enough to read writing, I would write on a piece of paper what things she must not do. because she was afraid she would forget, and then she could look at her paper and read "Stima must not do so, for it is not right." I hope she will always be as conscientious as she is. I feel that if she is not brought up aright, the sin will be my own, she has a mind capable of receiving good impressions, and it can be very easily moulded, what a responsibility rests upon a



Mothers! Yet could a Mother's prayer of love,

Thy destiny control, Those boasted gifts that often prove  
The ruin of the soul - Beauty and fortune, wit and fame -

For thee she would not crave, But fearful, urge a parent claim -

"So gaze, beyond the grave!"

28th This morning caught a Porpoise. The meat looks very much like beef. The oil is contained in the skin which they will boil out tomorrow, had some of the meat fried for dinner, and some made into sausage cakes for supper they are as nice as pork sausages. We spoke the ship today, which proved to be the "Grey Eagle" from Philadelphia bound to Buenos Ayres, she was 32 days from P. and we 34 from New Bedford. She has not beat us much, if she is a clipper.

Jan 1st 57. The old year has departed - and the new year advances fresh and bright laden with blessings for all -

To many the cup of happiness will be filled to overflowing, to others it will be mixed with sorrow even to the dregs.

We may not know what is for us, none but the Unseen can look into futurity, but happy will it be for us,

if, with every sorrow that is borne to us, on the wings of Almighty faith and love, we can look up with a sweet and submissive trust, and say, "Father, Not my will,

but thine be done" The past has been an eventful year to us. A Father, Brother and Niece, have been called to the world of spirits. Infancy, Manhood, and old age - we mourn that they have left us, and those far away will mourn, when they have heard the sad tidings. Dear Sister Sarah, and her fatherless children, have been called to drink deep of the cup of affliction. May He who is the God of the widow, and the Father of the fatherless, be very near to them. We have passed the Cape now, and go along smoothly. We saw several Catamarants out today, fishing - from off the coast. They are small boats made of logs with a sail. We passed one very near with the ship, in the evening. We obtained about two gallons of oil from one porpoise - that will be enough to keep us from darkness for a season - perhaps, until we can get some more.



2<sup>nd</sup>. I have been writing letters to day to have on hand, in case we should see an opportunity to send home. I have three on hand now, one for my Mother, one for Thomas & Macy, and one for James & Anne. I hope they may depart speedily - we see vessels at a distance every day. I delight to watch them as they gallantly pursue their way over the boundless Ocean. We are now enjoying moonlight evenings, and there never were any more lovely, I think. There are several very fine voices forward, and they now improve them, "Home Sweet Home," and "Do they miss me at home?" I can appreciate. I have yet to find out that sailors belong to another class, than that of human beings. I hope I may be fortunate enough to remain in ignorance of the fact, by my own experience. I tell Samuel that I shall not think they are entirely depraved, as long as I hear them singing their Psalm tunes.

4<sup>th</sup>. Another Sabbath, mild and lovely. I think of friends at home, wending their way to the house of God, and wish I could bear them company. After breakfast, I generally dress up a little more than on ordinary days, and take a book and go on deck, sit there the most of the day. Has been five sail in sight to day, one ahead, that appears to be a whale, laying to, think we shall get up to her about sunset, then perhaps we may have company, how I should enjoy it, but I will not make too much dependence.

5<sup>th</sup>. The ship we saw last night was the Dr. Franklin of Westport Capt. Russell, about two months out, clean, an Atlantic whaler, he came on board and passed the evening with us. Mr. Nickerson went on board his ship, when he went back, he sent me about two dozen nice oranges, they were very acceptable, he procured them at Brava.

Samuel talks very strong this morning of proceeding immediately to the Ochotsk Sea instead of Spum Whaling a year as he intended. If he does it will be a great disappointment to me, but of course

I have nothing to say about it. But one letter that were to be sent to Payta, will remain there I suppose and much good will they do us. I want oil as much as any of them, but it is hard telling just what to do. We are now on the Shoshlos Banks, if we should happen to get a whale, think very likely it



would change the whole course of proceedings. Yesterday morning we found one of our ~~Sand~~ hens dead, Minnie said her Papa told her it died for want of breath. I suppose that was the case. 'Old Mother Grey Neck' was her name. Hannah Butler commenced laying Saturday, and two others lay beside. Besides the hens for fowl we have two pigs, one we call Juba and the other Miggie, they are very tame, will let Minnie go up to them and play. There is another whale in sight perhaps we may have more company. Tonight we treated our Captain last night to fruit cake and wine. 12<sup>th</sup>. Have seen no vessel since Monday until yesterday, when we saw one at a distance and another this morning which was a French Ship. Not much of interest transpired during the week with the exception of a change of weather, we have had some rain and considerable rough weather during the time, and it is much cooler.

Thermometer at 70. it has been for several weeks back extremely warm and uncomfortable.

Yesterday they saw whales from the Masthead, but they soon disappeared. I must confess that I was glad - I did not care about their going after their first whales on the Sabbath.

I believe it is decided now, that we shall make a straight course for the Islands, and proceed to the Ochotsk. I hope we may be successful in obtaining what we diligently seek after. My plants that I brought from home, I think are all dead. I am watching a geranium very narrowly, hoping it may spring up from the root, but I think it very doubtful. I have planted some orange seeds so that I may have something growing. We are now off the River La Plata, which is good whaling ground. it would help along very much, if we could get a few barrels.

13 Saw whales this morning. I heard the sound and thought I would go on deck if there was a whale to be seen. Thought I would like to see it. I went and very soon I saw him blow, and then saw the monster.



turn flukes. He was a formidable creature indeed. The three mates went off in their boats. Samuel remained on board, as there was a squall coming up. How thankful I felt I almost dreaded seeing whale, as I feared I should feel badly having him go off for the first time before I became accustomed to it. They stayed out until about noon, the whales got out of their way, so they returned to the ship. Just as we had seated ourselves at the dinner table, the cry of "there Hovs" was heard again, they all left the table with a rush. I thought I might as well finish my dinner as I could do no good. So Skinnie and myself remained at the table. The three mates went first then soon after Samuel went with his boat's crew. I saw him go off without fear, and wished him "good luck." Presently they told me that one of the boats had fastened. He watched them long, but the whale continued to spout. After a while one of the boats started for the ship. When he arrived we found it was Mr Baxter with his boat stove, just as they had got on board I heard the cry of "another boat stove." I looked and saw an empty boat. I had not the heart to ask whose boat it was, but went down into the cabin. I could stand it no longer. I comforted myself some, by thinking if any one was hurt, they would proceed immediately to the ship. I never was more rejoiced than when I heard Samuels over again as he came near the ship, with some of Mr St John's crew. His boat was stove and they were all thrown into the water, the other two boats picked them up. (How it must have dampened the ardor of the new beginners.) Samuel came back to alter the course of the ship, hoping he might recover the stove boat in which he was successful. As soon as he arrived he sent Mr Baxter off again in his boat. They all remained off as long as they could see. Then were reluctantly obliged to cut from the whale, though not until another boat had been stove thus ended our first days experience. They are some in hopes of getting him yet. They think with so many wounds in him he must die, I hope they will. We ought to have him to pay for our stove boats.



14<sup>th</sup> He kept round in nearly the same place all night and today - but have seen nothing of the whale - they think he would have made about 600 lbs.

I am told it is very seldom you see such a whale as that - it is a chance if we see another during the voyage.

15<sup>th</sup> Have made sail again, and give up, though very unwillingly, all chance of the whale. We see plenty of birds flying around us, gories (Molly Mocks) and Mother Carys chickens. I like very much to see them as they skim over the water, and suddenly disappear beneath the waves.

16<sup>th</sup> This morning before we ran up, the Steward came to our door, and told us there was a sail near us. Samuel went on deck - came down in a few minutes and told me to get my letters all ready - for there was a chance of getting near enough to speak her. I needed not to be told twice. So I added a little to my three letters, got them already, looked out the cabin window, and saw that she had passed us. She was a Spanish Brig. I was exceedingly disappointed we have had no opportunity as yet of sending letters and I know my Mother, at least, feels very anxious -

17<sup>th</sup> Nothing of importance occurred today. A school of porpoises came near the ship but did not succeed in taking any - we need the oil from one very much if we cannot get any whale. We are saving all our oil that we have left now for the binnacle, and burning sperm candles now in the cabin that were put on board for track. I suppose Deacon Richmond thought if we could get no oil before going round the Horn, we might go in darkness. Minnie took her doll this afternoon to look out the Cabin window, as she said, to look at the white-capped billows. Sarah says she, shouldn't you think I would be afraid of those deep, deep billows? "Well, I ain't for I know there's somebody up in Heaven, that will take care of me." 18<sup>th</sup> It is the Sabbath again. I miss the privileges I was accustomed to enjoy at home - how little we appreciate the blessings we enjoy until deprived of them - It is cold and rainy today. After tea it cleared away so that we went on deck for a while.



26<sup>th</sup>. Nothing of interest has occurred for the last week, except that we have had cold stormy and rough weather, for the last three days I have kept my bed most of the time. Nothing in the cabin has been safe. We are in the vicinity of Cape Horn and have a very unfavorable time to get round. Last night we caught another porpoise which was very acceptable just now, for something fresh is well as the oil.

27<sup>th</sup>. We have had a continuation of rough weather all the week. are about where we were a week ago. The wind is very variable, have been obliged to "lay to" in a gale several times. I do not like Cape Horn weather at all. It is midsummer here now, we have it very cold, with snow and hail, what must their winters be! The long days are something new to me.

I can see to read distinctly in my stateroom at bedtime, the sun does not set until after eight o'clock, and when the nights are clear daylight does not go out at all. We are as comfortable in the cabin as can be expected, have a good fire in the stove. The Captain and Officers have rather long faces at the prospect of another week here but perhaps all will come out right in the end.

28<sup>th</sup>. We have not made much head-way for several days although today we have entered the broad Pacific. We have head-winds, and calms, besides a great deal of rough weather. I shall be quite glad to leave this country. Today we killed puma - fresh pork I think will taste very nice at this time.

29<sup>th</sup>. This morning caught two porpoises and fresh meat abounds. There were tears in Minnie's eyes this morning when we went to the breakfast table, to see her puma on the dish. I comforted her with the assurance that she should have another one when we arrived in port. She thinks Vigor must be very lonely. We have had Cook Bo B. back again for some time, after his hands got better they decided that it was all he was good for, as he was so near-sighted he could not steer, neither could he



lookout for whales - He does not make a first rate cook -  
 Saw a Brig this morning bound in the same direction  
 with us. Probably they have had such a time as we have in  
 getting round -

7th. Saw a ship today which we passed but did not  
 speak her. Have had a very rough day, the ship pitched  
 badly. I sat in my bed all day except as I went out to  
 my meals, preferring that to being moved about in my  
 chair. Minnie does not appear to notice the rough weather  
 at all - she sat in the bed with me a part of the time  
 hemming a handkerchief for Mr. Johns and occasionally  
 she would say, Oh Mother! Ain't we taking comfort -

8th. The ship is much stiller today than she was  
 yesterday, but it is quite raining. The wind is fair but it  
 is almost a calm. It has been so these two weeks when  
 it is fair there is a calm, we make our way along  
 slowly but we are advancing. It makes the ship's  
 company feel worse, because they are aware that they  
 have no time to lose. -

9th. The weather is cold and rainy - the wind has been fair  
 for a short time. I believe it was only an appreciation to the  
 Captain and officers. Two ships are in sight one ~~astern~~  
 astern and one ~~fore~~ ahead quite a distance from us -

10th. It is with a great degree of pleasure that we depart  
 from the rough and storm-beaten shores of Cape Horn -  
 a fitting country for the rude and savage inhabitants  
 who dwell there, a fair wind - two ships in sight -

12th. Saw a school of porpoises this afternoon as the men  
 were surging forward preparing to strike them, one of them  
 frightened Hannah Butler and she flew over board  
 as soon as she touched the water the birds (gulls and  
 Mole-mokes) dove down in pursuit of her. I felt very sorry  
 for I have a sort of affection for every thing that has life  
 on board and she had become quite tame, did not  
 succeed in taking a porpoise.

13th. Lost sight of the ships that have been near us for  
 several days - Passed an English Brig not near enough  
 to speak - we have ~~here~~ had a fair wind for several days  
 and plenty of it, and our gallant Addison makes her



obedience to the god of the water, as she plies majestically along. Made 2,25 miles the last twenty-four hours.

14<sup>th</sup>. Caught a porpoise this morning, have been running with a large clipper ship today. She had a much greater amount of sail out than we. but she did not advance upon us at all. The weather grows warmer now.

Soon we shall have the thermometer at 90° again I suppose. I am making preparations now for going in Port. My mind grows so that I shall be obliged to let down all her clothes, that she wore at home, last summer, made 200 miles the last 24 hours.

15<sup>th</sup>. Another Sabbath of rest. Rest for the body and rest for the soul. Let us so live, that we may enter into that rest which is prepared for the people of God. Saw another school of porpoises this afternoon, it is a beautiful sight to see the water full of them, jumping about in all directions, they are very pretty fish, especially the right whale porpoise, went 180 miles today.

16<sup>th</sup>. The weather is quite warm today. We have had a regular washing-day. the first one for several weeks. I have a small tub which fits in my sink, in which I can wash my small pieces. It is rather cool for me in the house or deck. when it is warmer I shall go there and assist Samuel in washing, he has a large tub then and a pounding barrel. Saw a school of Blackfish this morning about a mile off. did not lower for them. there is one man sick (John Hudson)

I suppose he is in a consumption. he raises a great deal of blood. has a pain in his chest &c. if he does not get better shall be obliged to leave him at the Islands. he was a very smart fellow. I pity him, there are but few conveniences in the fore-castle of a ship, for sickness. Perhaps there are as many as he has been accustomed to in port. he says he was sick all last winter. We set Pinky today on live eggs, we may have a chicken or two in three weeks.



17<sup>th</sup> Nothing of interest occurred today - saw a ship in the afternoon, went on deck in the evening, to witness the creative power of our Heavenly Father, and wonder more than on the Ocean, can it be displayed, by the sky above, and the water beneath, "a plank between us and eternity". I never saw the sky so brilliantly bedecked with stars as it is here in this latitude. The Magellan clouds are also to be seen, two white clouds and a small black one. We are enjoying fine weather now.

18<sup>th</sup> Saw Massafiero this morning and intended to touch - but the wind not being fair, decided that it would take more time than we could afford to lose - How welcome the sight of land to a wanderer on the Ocean. I longed to climb those cliffs - and Minnie enjoyed it as well. "My Mother" said she, "is that ground, really?" The island is very high, and presented a fine appearance from the ship, with the clouds playing around the heights. Should like very much to have had some of the fish and goats with which the island abounds - saw one ship near, which had sent boats in fishing and another at a distance.

19<sup>th</sup> One ship in sight which we saw yesterday, we are hoping every day to fall in with Brother George as he may be in this vicinity. How pleasant it would be to fall in with friends, we are, as it were, shut out from our friends, in a little kingdom of our own, of which Samuel is prime-ruler. I never should have known what a great man he was, if I had not accompanied him. I might never have found it out at home. I think if they do their duty on shipboard they will have no reason to complain of him. He is the same affectionate husband to me that he has always been - hope I may continue worthy of his love -

20<sup>th</sup> We are still pursuing the even tenor of our way, nothing occurs to disturb or molest us. The sailors have cheerfully performed their duties thus far, and all has gone on smoothly -

I enjoy myself here more and more every day - I never weary of watching old Ocean in his many varying aspects - at one time it is as still and placid as a lake - scarcely a ripple disturbs the surface of its water. We would never dream of the treachery that lurks in his bosom - Again -



The waves rise mountain high, and dash against our little ship with redoubled fury. Yet still we pursue our way - the mandate has gone forth, "So far shalt thou go and no farther here shall thy journey be stayed." It is this, that I enjoy most to witness, it is sublime beyond conception.

21<sup>st</sup> A ship in sight at a distance, no whales or fish of any kind to be seen, we are on good whale ground now and I wish we might be so fortunate as to capture one at least.

22<sup>nd</sup> The glorious birth-day of our immortal Washington - Saw the island of St. John's this morning at a distance a fine wind and a pleasant day. The Sabbath day - in imagination I went my way to the house of God - with friends near and dear - I hope we may pass a Sabbath at the Islands.

23<sup>rd</sup> A general washing day again. Minnie has had a little tub made, and she is busily engaged in washing clothes for Sarah Price and Billy. Saw a fin-back quite near the ship.

24<sup>th</sup> This is the anniversary of my dear Brother Walter's birth - Oh, that we knew his fate - of a whole vessel's crew probably, not one was left to tell the sad tale - how little we thought when he left home on that memorable morning, buoyant with youth, and exultant with hope, that he never would return. It is hard to give him up. Six months after month has elapsed and still no tidings - and it is hoping against hope to indulge a thought that he might have been saved. Oh, Dear Brother, many loved ones you have left behind, who would fain have watched around your bed-side and planted blossoms around your grave - your last sad requiem has been sung by the moaning wind and the murmuring ocean wave.

"The sea, the deep blue sea, has one,

"He lies, where pearls lie, deep. -

"He was the loved of all, yet none  
For his low bed may weep."



25<sup>th</sup> Three months today since we left home and friends for a "Sojourn on the Ocean Wave" I flatter myself that I have become quite a sailor. Saw a ship this afternoon, at a distance, of course. There are a plenty of birds flying about. Mother large chickens, and a kind called Boobies.

26<sup>th</sup> It is very still today, almost calm. Her sails flutter loosely about, and the good ship moves on her way, very lazily. It is exceedingly warm, the sun, beats down upon us, in the absence of the wind, without any mercy -

27<sup>th</sup> Just such a day as we had yesterday. Like one of our July days at home. I imagine that our friends at home are rejoicing in a February thaw. What delightful walking. They might sure they to see me, every my ship's deck. I always have good walking no great extent of territory it is true, but what I have is always clean and dry. Plank side walks, are very nice. Saw a school of killers today, and killed a couple of skip-jacks.

28<sup>th</sup> Saw fin backs and black-fish today, did not go after them. Samuel made a nice chowder of those skip-jacks that were caught yesterday, it tasted very nice to me. I imagine that if any one else had cooked it, I knew that it was clean. If I had not eaten "my peck of dirt" before I came to sea - I am very sure that it will be filled, "good-measure, pressed down and running over" before I return. March 1<sup>st</sup>. Quite a rain storm this morning, but became very pleasant in the forenoon. Saw a whale of the kind called Sulphur Bottom. They are very wild do not go after them often. There are a great many birds flying around the ship, it seems strange to me, not to hear a note from them, but they are silent, all. A fine breeze today which wafts us along, towards our destined haven. Saw tropic birds today of the kind called Marling-spikes, from the striking resemblance of their tails to that article.



3<sup>rd</sup> Saw a school of black-fish this afternoon. Three boats went in pursuit of them - Mr. Mickerson's boat took one - The sun is directly over head now - it is very warm.

4<sup>th</sup> Today the newly elected Resident takes his seat in the presidential chair - Hope he may fill it with honor to himself and the Nation. Landed for Blackfish this morning took three before breakfast - Landed again in the afternoon but without success.

5<sup>th</sup> Very calm - Landed again for Blackfish took two - they are very large - I have not much idea of what a whale can be that will make a hundred barrels, when these six Blackfish only made about four barrels.

7<sup>th</sup> This is the anniversary of my little sister Annie's death - four years today since she left us - for a happy time in the arms of Jesus - then rest loved one, forever - It is very calm, scarcely a breath of air - we have made no headway for several days we are trying to make the Galapagos Islands, but as there is no wind it is uncertain whether we shall fetch - as there is a strong westerly current. 8<sup>th</sup> Calm as usual. Saw a great many crabs around the ship, and one or two shark fish were seen. Landed a boat to see how strong the current was and I accompanied them. the first time I have had a chance to see the ship.

9<sup>th</sup> Saw a strange looking fish in the water this morning Mr. Mickerson landed his boat and captured it, it proved to be a diamond-fish - they are very seldom taken it was considered a great curiosity. None on board having seen one dead before. I witness some delightful sunsets in this region. I often wish that I saw a painter that I might sketch some of them & send it home for the benefit of my friends. We are in sight of Albemarle Island (one of the Galapagos) hoped to go in and get some terrapin and some fish, but we do not get along any at all.



16<sup>th</sup> Saw a ship in the morning off the weather beam  
 hunted for black fish without success - In the afternoon  
 saw another ship. We hauled up our mainsail for them  
 to come down to us. They started and by taking their  
 boats succeeded in reaching us about eight o'clock. It  
 proved to be the Golconda Capt. ~~Baker~~ Howland and the  
 Burgin & Co. Capt. Baker. They stopped on board until  
 about one o'clock. He was very happy to receive visitors  
 as doubtless anyone would imagine. His boys time  
 was up - "Ting yesterday, so we broke up the most  
 victor and so which was sure to be found."

17<sup>th</sup> This morning Capt. Howland and Baker came  
 on board again and passed the day with us. Capt. How-  
 land brought a small pet. terapin for Minnie and a  
 large one for me. I am assured they are  
 very nice eating. He also gave Minnie a little basket  
 of feather flowers with which she was very much pleased.  
 Saw another ship about noon which gradually drew near  
 and just before tea Captain Duggitt of the Gen. Scott  
 came on board - He is 60 years of age, and is taxed for  
 \$70,000. I told him I thought he was a very foolish  
 man for leaving his family at that age when he could  
 live comfortably at home. but from what he says I should  
 judge that he takes for his family to make a good  
 appearance. He procured some sweet potatoes of Capt. Baker  
 which were very nice. They left us about 12 o'clock and I  
 decided that I had enjoyed gamming enough for once.  
 18<sup>th</sup> The Golconda is near us - the Ohio at a distance and  
 the Gen. Scott out of sight. In the afternoon Samuel took  
 Minnie and went on board the Golconda for a short time  
 while there they made the discovery that the Ohio's boat  
 were after a whale. afterwards they saw it along side  
 Minnie came home much pleased with her visit.  
 The captain and officers felt rather badly that our ship  
 had taken a whale when they had seen none. but it  
 cannot be helped and we must make the best of it -  
 19<sup>th</sup> No ships in sight. Samuel changed the ship's course  
 last night. I thought he would try no longer to make  
 the island, but there is too very little wind and how long



we shall be obliged to remain in this vicinity we cannot say. Soon after breakfast raised a school of whales. Towed our boat and were so fortunate as to take two. It was so calm that it was nearly night before we got them to the ship - They were considered small whales but they looked formidable to me.

All commenced cutting in all hands busily employed except Minnie and myself - we are superintendents - waiting for us to do that look on, and we avail ourselves of that privilege I want to see every thing that is going on. I may now have another opportunity.

15<sup>th</sup> Employed in boiling yet - Sabbath day, but it seems not much like it - I do not see how it could be avoided very well without much loss. They work day and night. Minnie and I have amused ourselves by watching the fish from the cabin window that follow our ship, for the refuse of the whale that is thrown on board. We saw at one time six sharks following the ship - with the pilot fish a head of them and no end to the ship jack and albacore - while on the surface of the water and flying around are hundreds of Mother Carey's chickens. The air is almost black with them. Minnie says "how many pretty things we see on the ocean, don't we?"

16<sup>th</sup> Have finished boiling and are busily engaged in clearing up - shall stow down 60 bbls. quite a good beginning. We had some Albacore for breakfast this morning and Minnie saved one of the bones to dry and carry home, that they might know what an Albacore was - she is much engaged in collecting curiosities. I have a crab's leg in my trunk box, now, to be sent to by mail the first opportunity.

17<sup>th</sup> The ship's company have been engaged some parts of the day in catching Albacore to salt down for trade at the Islands. It is said they always command a good price there, put up several barrels. They are very plenty - and look beautifully especially in the night the water is illuminated with them.



18th Stopped down to the oil today - have a clean ship again, have been catching more fish today - Caught some Pilot fish, they are very pretty fish about the size of a trout blue striped around with black and are considered very nice eating.

19th Had some of those fish fried for supper last night and the rest for breakfast this morning - They tasted very nice nicer than they ever will again to us I fancy - About ten minutes after I had finished my breakfast my face began to burn and my head to ache badly.

I looked in the glass and my face was a sight to behold just as red as it could be, all over, chin, forehead, ears and neck. I lay down upon the sofa and my head ached so that I could not get up to ring the bell for Samuel.

Breastly he came down and of all the looking ~~ed~~ creatures that I ever saw his face was fairly purple - Said I what is the matter? he replied "I did not know what was the matter with you until I saw you, now I know that we are poisoned by eating those fish after they had been kept over night, at that time Mr. Wickson came down, he was aloft. He did not know what was the matter with him but he felt so badly he did not dare to stay any longer - So it went on, one came down after another until all who had eaten them, felt the consequences. Some were fortunate enough to throw them off their stomachs without any help others were obliged to resort to emetics - We all felt poorly enough for the remainder of the day - Now the very sight of a pilot fish is enough to make us sick -

20th Caught some more albacore today some very large ones - measure four feet around them. I caught about a dozen, some of them I could pull up myself and others I required some assistance.

21st Killed my terrapin today - We are going on a little faster than we have been but at a slow rate still only three or four knots an hour. It will take us sometime to get to the islands at this rate.

22nd We are having the weather a little cooler now than we have done but it is very warm - I think I never knew what warm weather was at home but, in a calm, around the



Galapagos Islands, we have the full benefit of it. When there is a breeze, we can manage to keep comfortable anywhere out of the sun.

23<sup>d</sup>. We are moving along at about the same pace as we have done for several days. I have caught about twenty large fish today - it is grand sport for me, although I cannot pull them all up. We have a piece of white cloth put out on the hook, and keep bobbing it up and down to make it look like a flying fish. Nothing in sight that will make oil.

25<sup>th</sup>. Four months out today. Time passes rapidly, even here. One tenth part of our voyage has probably passed. We have had no wind yesterday or today at this rate it will be some time before we reach the Islands.

30<sup>th</sup>. For several days nothing has occurred of interest except we are favored with a fine breeze, and the good ship Addison seems endued with life as well as motion, as she leaps from wave to wave.

31<sup>st</sup>. A fine breeze which is wafting us on speedily toward our destined haven. We are about two weeks sail from the Islands. I think I shall hardly know how to speak to a lady. It is now over four months since I have spoken a word to one of my own sex (except Minnie). There is one comfort in it, at least, I have not been guilty of the sin of scandal. This afternoon we killed two hens, Cynthia and Coopie. It made Minnie feel very sad to have Cynthia killed. I must not allow her to name her chickens for her friends, it makes her feel so badly when they are killed.

April 1<sup>st</sup>. All fools day. Minnie has enjoyed herself very much, telling us to look at whales, blackfish, porpoises and flying fish, she was very sorry when the day was past.

I made our chickens into a pie today. The officers said it seemed like home. It was not baked well. The crust was not done. I should have more courage to make brick-knacks. If I could attend to the baking of them, but of course it would not do for me to go into the galley. Today one of the birds called "boobies" flew on board. Gammal wrote on a piece of kid and tied it around his neck, and sent



him away - It would be very pleasant to think it to be reported by a bird.

2nd I cannot decide in my mind, whether fast was appointed for today, or next week Thursday. I am inclined to think that this is the day - our breeze still continues, we have been 200 miles every 24 hours for five days. Last Sabbath I gave Miriam some bibles and testaments, that were put on board for distribution to carry forward to the men if they liked to have them. So she filled her little carriage and went forward. She came back very quick with an empty carriage had it reloaded and went again until she gave away every one that we had. She said they all wanted one even the Portuguese, that could read - I could but think they were taken far more readily from her, than they would have been from anyone else. It may be we can do some good, through her.

12th. Since my last date nothing of interest has occurred, we are quietly pursuing the even tenor of our way - steadily advancing to our desired haven are within three days sail of the Islands, with what feelings shall I first step my foot upon a foreign soil.

13th Saw the land today for the first time - the island of Hawaii it delighted me very much to take a view of land, when for days and weeks, nothing was to be seen from the East, West, North or South, except the boundless Ocean.

16th Land in sight today, but we are having quite a storm and very rough, are making but little headway -

17th Samuel deemed it prudent to keep off last night as it was very rough, dark and stormy. This morning we are rapidly approaching our resting place Pelt. Maui is in sight, the town of Lahaina exposed to our delighted gaze. I looked in vain for a resemblance to my own dear Native Land - the mountains looming up in the distance with the clouds playing below their summits, their gloomy and barren sides with here and there a spot green and fresh like an "oasis in the desert" the trees and houses all seemed different from any thing I had ever witnessed, as soon as we anchored the Custom House officer came on board with a boat's crew of



natives, and when he returned my husband accompanied  
 him for the purpose of obtaining a boarding-place for us  
 while on shore. I remained on board busily engaged in  
 preparing Missie and myself for the shore in case he  
 should be successful. In the course of an hour we were in  
 the boat on our way to the house of a Mr. Gilman, and very  
 happy were we to step our feet upon the land once more.  
 18th We are very pleasantly situated, in a straw cottage on the  
 shore, surrounded by trees, with walks laid out bordering with  
 flowers. It is a bachelor's establishment, but looks very much as if  
 it had a "presiding genius." He has a native look and native  
 manner to take care of the house. The house contains four rooms  
 a sitting-room two bed-rooms and a dining-room. The sitting-room  
 extends the whole length of the house (as indeed do most of the sitting  
 & bed-rooms on the Island), with a door opening at either end. Four  
 windows with crimson and white drapery. Straw matting upon the  
 floor Chinese chairs and lounges. A sofa a what not filled with  
 Japanese curiosities, a secretary and library - centre and side tables,  
 and the walls hung around with paintings and engravings. It  
 altogether presents a very picturesque appearance. My idea of  
 straw houses were small huts with no windows and holes made  
 for doors of which I saw many specimens. As I am sitting here  
 by the table writing I can look out the door and view my Ocean  
 home - also the breakers "as they rise and break with fury upon the  
 shore. Every thing is new and strange. There are two boarders at the  
 house beside ourselves, Judge Chandler of Maine, the American  
 Consul, and his Secretary Mr. Pike. <sup>18th</sup> A little girl (Missie Bigelow)  
 called this morning to see Missie, and Mrs. Bigelow and Mrs.  
 Brayton called this P.M. she was delighted to enjoy female society  
 once more. In the evening received a call from Mr. Bishop, "The  
 Hamlet's Chaplain" and Lady.

19th Once more have we been permitted to roam our way to the  
 house of God. How thankful should we be that we may worship the  
 God of our fathers in a strange land. I felt that "it was good to be there"  
 Mr. Bishop preached to a very small congregation from the words "And  
 they left their nets and followed him". The number of foreign residents  
 is very small - so that his hearers are generally very few except during the  
 shipping season. There were but two ships in port when we arrived, the  
 Cincinnati, Capt. Williams, and the Enterprise Capt. Brown.



Services at the Bethel are held only in the morning in the P.M. he attended the native church, was much interested in the services there, had very excellent singing. Of course we could understand nothing that was said but from the gestures of the preacher, we could imagine something of the tenor of his discourse. I was much amused at the appearance of the natives, their dresses of whatever material, from coarse calico to the richest silk, are made like a "night gown" a skirt gathered into a yoke and mutton leg sleeves. A shawl or handkerchief put on (not conversely as we wear them) but square, and the two corners tied around the neck, and what shall I say of their bonnets, I should think very fashionable from the days of Methuselah until the present time. Had entered in that church, they do not tie them, but set them on the top of their heads. They are only worn at church, neither do they wear shoes at any other time, and I noticed at church when they got ready to settle down to hear the sermon, they took off their shoes. They are much pleased to see strangers at their church. They all turned and gazed upon me to their hearts content, I bore their scrutiny, I flatter myself with a very good grace. Some appeared quite interested in the remarks of the preacher, others were not very attentive. In the evening we received a call from Dr. Dore, Physician at the Hospital. He thinks John, the man that we leave there, will live but a very short time. I wanted to call and see him, before leaving the Island, but my husband thought it too far for me to walk. I have never accustomed myself to riding on horse-back and there is but one carriage owned on the Island. I hope his last days will be made comfortable, he has a mother residing in New York.

20th I confess that I am disappointed in the appearance of the natives. They are not nearly so far advanced in civilisation as I had supposed. Why, the good folks at home pretend to hold them up as a model, from which we would do well to copy. I do not doubt but that there has been a great deal done for them, but there is a vast amount more to be done, to raise them very high in the scale of morals, from what I saw and heard of them.



(and I made many enquiries) they are a low, degraded, indolent set. They have no apartments in their houses, all huddled in together, many of them go without clothing both sexes bathe in the water ~~station~~ entirely naked unabashed, as I am writing, two men are close by my door without an article of clothing. Minnie says, "I have to turn my head the other way." There are but very few that can be depended upon, even members of the church, they will lie and steal whenever an opportunity offers. I am aware that the foreign influence especially of sailors, has been very bad, but they are very far from what I expected to find them. Passed the afternoon at Mrs Bishop's, had a pleasant time, they have three interesting children, the eldest four years and the youngest six months. One of our men went to the Consul today, stating that a man shipped to go in the Addison, but he got sick of his bargain, and so he stepped in his place, took his shipping papers, name and everything and ran away from his parents. Now he has repented and wants his discharge, but the Consul can do nothing for him, as no one knows that it is the truth, he is known by that name to the whole ship's crew, and has always answered to it, so he has written home, and if it is as he says, probably his parents will send a statement of affairs and request his discharge - I am sorry for him, probably he finds a sea-faring life, not as pleasant as he anticipated, I was always interested in him. He seemed to have been brought up somewhat delicately, he appears to make the best of it, however, and seems cheerful and happy -

21<sup>st</sup> Passed the day with Mrs Bigelow, after dinner we took a very pleasant walk. Had an opportunity of seeing ~~most of~~ many of the tropical fruits, the bread-fruit, banana, fig - Cocoa-nut, pine-apple the foliage of the bread-fruit is beautiful

22<sup>nd</sup> Passed the day with Mrs Brayton. Most of the foreign residents I notice have Chinese cooks in preference to the natives, they are bound for five years and are more to be depended on. Saw several of our sailors pass, who told me that one of our number had been taken to the fort, for drinking and being noisy in the street, it made me feel badly, I had hoped there would be no such things among our crew, I thought better things of them, but my husband has always told



me that I shall would be sailors and that after we had been in port my eyes would be opened. I am fearful that it is so. I enjoy being here very much. There is much that is new and interesting all around us. This is one of the prettiest residences which I have seen. But there are many things too which put one to the blush, who is not accustomed to such scenes. It struck me very forcibly hearing little fellows not more than knee high swear in English, not a word of our language beside did they know, it is very humiliating I confess.

15<sup>th</sup> we intended to leave here for Kahoe today - but the vessel that was to bring our potatoes has not arrived, consequently we shall be detained here until Monday. We have a little rain occasionally, the rainy season is ~~not~~ not quite over yet, I think the climate delightful, in the sun, it is very warm - but away from the sun it is very comfortable, have a fine sea breeze and the nights are cool and invigorating. The town is situated at the foot of the mountains, and at the edge of the water, about two miles up the mountain is the village of Lahaina. There where the mission schools are located. The pelican, Capt Cleveland touched here today, no oil since leaving here in the fall - he is bound for Kodiak - thinks he shall gam with us once a week throughout the season. Captains are delighted to go on board a ship where there is a lady - it reminds them so forcibly of home. Five months today since leaving home and friends, we commenced our wanderings upon the deep. Within that time, how many mercies have we experienced - how many blessings enjoyed. May we realize how much cause we have for thankfulness, and may we look to the source from whence all our blessings flow.

16<sup>th</sup> Attended divine service at the Bethel again in the morning - Heard a discourse from the parable of the house with a true and false foundation. P.M. Attended the native church. They were very happy to see us again as fast as they came in, they looked around at me and bowed. I have received so many bows from strangers in my life - specially at church, I did not return them as I was not sure that



it would be etiquette to return them in church. It amused me very much to see their spittoons, they would have one for about every three persons, a small calabash with a hole made in the side, and when any one coughed or wished to spit, which I thought was very often, they were passed around. Our potato schooner has arrived so there will be no excuse for our stopping after tomorrow. I could content myself very well to pass a few weeks here, but that is not what we came for, and my husband is in haste to be about his business.

17th quite rainy this morning, but about nine o'clock the sun came out, and we had a fine day. All the foreign residents came to see me before we left, and I felt as if I were leaving near and dear friends again. I shall look forward with pleasure to the time when we shall again visit these "Islands of the Sea". I received a number of little presents, most of which will be a luxury on ship board. I received turkeys, Peacocks, Walnuts, tamarinds, Chocolate also parasollets and a box of Cologne, and Minnie received several baskets, toys and books. We went on board and left for Cuba about five o'clock, found a state of affairs on board which made my heart ache - four men were in irons, one was fighting with a sailor and when reproved by the officer, attacked him, a second jumped overboard and attempted to swim ashore (one has deserted before and nothing has been heard from him). The remaining two refused duty. This is the beginning of trouble to me, I was foolish enough to believe that every one would stay by us, not one to leave voluntarily. He discharged the blacksmith, he was no workman, and had a bad leg so that he was not of much use about deck. Have shipped two Thanees forward and a cook. 18th we are laying off and on at Honolulu, my husband Minnie and myself went on shore, as soon as we touched found a horse and carriage in readiness for us, although no one knew who we were. Capt. Spencer came forward and carried us to the house of a Capt. Dudaist, where we were very cordially received. They sent out for a carriage and took us up in Nuuanu Valley where we enjoyed a delightful ride. I saw the house where the Queen was visiting, if we had had time, the Lady would have taken us to see her. But our time was very limited, on account of affairs on



Shipboard, my husband was in haste to get away from the land. On our way to the "Valley" we stopped at the residence of a Mr. Bates, his wife is a sister of La Judd and his Mother resided there. This residence answered to my ideas of a happy home - a beautiful house, a group of young and happy children - Mrs. B. was engaged in her garden when we arrived, and we begged to accompany her about her grounds. In front of the house was a little pond filled with beautiful goldfish, a miniature canoe in the centre and marble statues about the margin on one side of the pond was a house made of wire with plants all around it, filled with canaries, a little streamlet ran from the pond to a little distance where it descended in a beautiful little waterfall to another pond, which was well stocked with goldfish, trout and mullet. Several geese were swimming in the pond, and turkeys, ducks and chickens were wandering around the yard. In one corner of the yard a cow was daintily chewing her cud, with her calf lying down beside her - in another was a horse and her colt while a flock of sheep were at ~~the~~ distance. Another swampy place was filled with a lily patch, while every tree and flower and shrub I seemed to me were centred there. In one of their flower beds I noticed a dandelion, she told me that she had the seed sent her from "the States" last summer, the only one that the Islands produced. She presented me with beautiful bogues, which I prized very highly especially the roses - they breathed such a home-like air. We procured some delicious oranges and sweet potatoes at the market and left our kind entertainer at about three P. M. There was a Mrs. Stivers boarding there from Worthington, her husband is mate of the Baltic. I suppose he felt as if he would like to see her and sent for her to come out this spring. She started with her child, an entire stranger, and after reaching the Islands, heard the tidings that her husband had been gone a week - so she will be obliged to stop there without seeing him - until fall. She did not intend going North with him, I think. And at the Islands for a season, must be quite expensive, I have a letter to carry to him from her and trust



we shall see him. He returned again to our Ocean Home where we shall probably remain for months to come. The Missionary Packet "Morning Star" was in port it pleased Minnie very much to see her, as she owns stock in her. She was purchased wholly by children. She is designed for carrying supplies to the Mission. She is now bound to the Marquesas Islands from thence back to the Sandwich Island and then to Amerasia. I would like to have gone on board with Minnie very much, but had not the time. The Dyke of Stonington Capt. Freeman was laying off and on. He took his wife out with him. She was very sea sick all the time and her sea sickness brought on other complaints, so that he was obliged to send her home from Valparaiso. He says it seems very lonely on board now, more so than if he had not attempted to take her. I am sorry for him. He deposited six single letters and four double ones, in the office today - May they speedily wing their way to their destination, bearing the tidings of health and prosperity -

29<sup>th</sup> We are now making our way toward Kodiak where I hope we may be successful in obtaining that for which we shall diligently seek. We have everything since we got, sweet Irish potatoes, cabbages, onions, cucumbers, string beans, banana's, lemons, melons, pumpkins, preserved meat & vegetables, oysters and lobster, sausage meat & butter and soda crackers, tamarinds, preserves, arrow root, pigs, turkeys, ducks and chickens, a goat and ~~hens~~ kids, for a pet, also a terrapin and a little dog named Pinner, a very pretty dog, notwithstanding his name. Michelson received one letter from his wife, the only one received on board while we were at Saharia. I don't know what the message was, for I thought if any thing had occurred I among our family, she would be likely to mention it. Tonight he read me the sad tidings of the death of little Grace Mattie, brother Charles' little child. I did not think she could be dying when we left her. Still it made me feel very sad to hear it. I sympathize deeply with the bereaved parents. May they remember that they now have a treasure.



in Heaven": that they have added one star to the Savior's diadem. Minnie says "I am full, but often see for little grace has gone to live with Jesus and if we are good perhaps we shall go and see him some time."

1<sup>st</sup> May comes in with sad recollections of the past, the commencement of our Father's final sickness and of Brother Augustus' death.

2<sup>nd</sup> The men are all free again sorry for what they have done, and glad enough to perform their several duties once more. I hope it may be a warning to the rest. I cannot think the same ones will get caught so again.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Sabbath is to be spent at home again, a sail in sight, supposed to be a whaler, as we are steadily gaining upon her, we may find out who she is before night.

4<sup>th</sup> After tea last night we spoke the ship which proved to be the station, Capt. Chantrel. She came on board for a short time, but as it was rough and blowing a strong breeze, did not like to stop.

5<sup>th</sup> We have had quite rough weather since leaving the Islands, cloudy, damp and cold. Shall be obliged to put up the stove in the cabin, in the course of a day or two. Opened a stop cask to day - and quite a brisk trade was carried on for a little while.

6<sup>th</sup> Think we have a cook worth having now, after taking up with all sorts. He is quite an old man, fat, and black as ebony. He made me some very nice starch the other day, the first good that I have had yet! I went to the galley, he said he knew how to make starch and I found that he did. Minnie was playing "tea party" yesterday with her dishes. She wondered how the little girls at home would like to play tea party with orange, banana, and coconut for the treat. We have a couple of Sulphur Bottoms, two full and in the mud of them, but without success. Had our shoes put up yesterday in the cabin, it is quite sunny today. A number of days back, have had much fog.



11<sup>th</sup>. Has been very rough today - this afternoon the ship made a sudden lurch, which threw me with such force from my chair, as to overthrow the Melodeon from its stand, to the floor where we all fell together. The Melodeon was not so much injured as we feared although there is a large hole made in the bellows and the frame is somewhat injured. Shall put it away for the present. I tell my husband "so much for having the "old woman" with him." But he seems to think he can get along better without that than he could without me.

15th. Have had a succession of damp, foggy, windy, cold, dreary days, very far from pleasant on deck. I get along very comfortably with it however, have a nice little stove, a good cozy fire, a kind husband and a dear little daughter, how ungrateful should I be to complain. I also have plenty of books and an abundance of work. It would be delightful indeed to see friends <sup>near</sup> and dear, but uninterrupted happiness is not for mortals to enjoy.

20th Have had a very pleasant day, clear, bright and sunny. Have seen no right whales as yet - almost every day we hear the sound of "three blows" but they all prove to be fin-backs or hump-backs. I hope we may commence our labor before long. Have been obliged to kill Minnie's terapin and the little kid to save their lives, as the weather was much too cold for them. Percher gets along very prosperously.

24th, Saw two ships. This P.M. went down to them  
and spoke them. They proved to be the Benjamin  
Smith & Warren, Capt. Pratt, clean and the ~~Enterprise~~  
~~Huntwick~~ <sup>Capt. ~~Spindle~~</sup> William Henry, who at Sania leaving  
the Islands, heard of the Enterprise with one or two  
they had all experienced very rough weather,

I cannot, went on board the B. Rusk for a few moments but as it was rough did not like to stop.

25<sup>th</sup> Saw two right whales this morning, being the first we have seen, but it is of not much use to see them such rough weather as this. Two boats lowered in.



pursuit of them, but they soon came back to the ship, had a very rough day, at sunset saw another whale - six months today since we have been in our floating home, they have passed very rapidly and pleasantly to me, what the next six months may have in store for us the all-wise only knows, But we have the assurance that "as our day is, so shall our strength be." It is so - except that I make sorry work at writing.

27th Spoke the Cincinnati this morning, Capt Williams came on board, Capt W. came on board and passed the day with us, in the afternoon spoke the Contest of New Bedford Capt. Smedley 7 months out 4 30, whale 20 2 p.m. nothing this seen. Have experienced much bad weather and seen but few whales, he had a very pleasant visit from them, Capt. Smedley has a farm on Long Island, has three children, has been a voyage for each of the two elder children, and is now on his last voyage for the youngest. It is a question in my mind whether it is advisable to do so, whether the children would not be as well off without it. Heard of the death of Capt. Cushman and his wife of the Sancer, she sailed a short time before we did for the same owner. He died five days from port, and she poor woman took passage in a merchant ship home, but died on her passage. I have not heard the particulars, but it may be from the effects of grief. He had two letters on board for the Contest. Heard of the Huntville, Capt. Grant, having taken one whale, being the second only we have heard of.

The Captains seem all undecided as to where to go, or what to do, the season seems different from what it has in general before, when they have formerly found good whaling. There are no whales to be seen, Perhaps it will all come out right in the end, Capt. Smedley has not been out since he left home, he gave him a couple of barrels of potatoes which were very acceptable.

28th spoke the Halliwell this morning, tonight had seen one whale since we last saw him. The weather was so rough he did not come on board.



3<sup>rd</sup> I sailed twice today for whales without success. Two ships in sight doing the same with like result. Think one is the Contest 91<sup>st</sup>. Chased whales most of the afternoon about tea-time spoke the gayhead Capt. Loper seven months out, one whale this season, soon after spoke the Contest and Capt. Ludlow came on board again. He brought the daguerreotypes of his wife and children for us to look at, which we liked well to do.

Just before we came on at home with ~~XXXXXX~~ flowers and sweet singing birds, very different from what we are now experiencing. I have prophesied that we should get a whale today, but we have towed our boats twice in vain. The whales are exceedingly shy. They will see the boats before they get near enough to strike them and surely they cannot be blamed for cutting out of Harris's way.

4<sup>th</sup> I sailed twice again this afternoon, came back again as poor as they went. Saw three ships today, spoke a Dutch ship named the Gen. Pike Capt. Russell. Spoke the Sarah Sheaf this morning of New Bedford Capt. Loper, 12 months out of Stockton, he came on board and stayed until after dinner, when we raised whale and he was off in an instant. Boats were towed from both ships in pursuit of them to no purpose. Capt. L. had been on the ground since the last of March and has taken but two whales. He was away from home on his last voyage, a whaling and trading voyage, sixty-six months, when he returned he purchased himself a farm in the vicinity of Buffalo, and has taken this voyage for the purpose of obtaining a little more money, that he may not be obliged to work himself. Caught a fur seal today its head resembles the head of a dog, its tail and fins are fish.



5th. Saw no whales yesterday and have seen none today. The weather is very thick and foggy.

6th. Nothing of importance happened until about 4 o'clock. We saw a whale and got too near him with the ship. soon rounded and presently saw him again. After supper lowered the boat, and about 7 o'clock had the good fortune to have a large whale alongside the ship. We are all delighted and hope this is only the commencement of our good fortune. 135 bbls.

7th. We have been busily employed in cutting in today. I have had a severe pain in my head and face for the last week which has made me sick. For three days I could not sit up at all. The motion of the ship and the noise on board was very trying to me. But I have nearly recovered now. I was disappointed that I could not go on deck to see the whale. Hope I may have another opportunity very soon.

8th. Another gale today so that they have been obliged to put out the pins and stop the tryworks.

9th. The gale has abated, but it is quite foggy. Have commenced boiling again.

13th. Have been out of the way of whales and ships for the last few days. finished stowing down our oil today. The whale made us 135 barrels. We have had a very pleasant day almost calm. I went on deck at noon and passed an hour very pleasantly. While there, I had my first good sight of a live whale. A large "Sulphur Bottom" came up close by the ship and performed several revolutions around it, very majestically. A boat was lowered but he was too quick for them. We are now proceeding north in the direction of Rose Island. What we shall find in that vicinity remains to be seen.

17th. Saw Hayes Island at a distance this morning. I have had a very rugged day. No whales to be seen. Spoke the Charles Carroll of New Bedford Capt. Parsons. But two whales this season. He says there



are no whales here. So we are now to proceed to the South East to see what can be found there. Another ship in sight.

19th. Fired at a <sup>1st</sup> Fin-back from the ship, and think it must have killed him, as he went immediately down. Two ships and a barge in sight. The latter chasing whales. In the afternoon saw two whales. Sounded the boats but they were very smart fish, and were off in an instant.

20th. Spoke the barque Dartmouth this morning of New Bedford. Capt. Heath. Two whales this season. Samuel went on board for a short time and brought back some late papers and some figs for Minnie from Margareta Bay. Sounded in the forenoon for whales. came back Minus.

ditto in the afternoon. Saw seven whales today. that looks encouraging.

21st. Sounded for a while before breakfast but could not get near him. Shot at a fin-back from off deck at noon. He turned up dead about half a mile from the ship. but before they could get a boat to him he had sunk to rise no more. In the afternoon. Sounded for whales and got one. got him to the ship about six o'clock, and commenced cutting in. One may read every description of a whale that ever was given but he can form no idea of one until he has seen it with his own eyes. Imagine a whales head to contain fifteen hundred pounds of bone and a tongue, ten barrels of oil, I think a right whale is more wonderful than a sperm. Every thing seems adapted to the purpose for which it was designed. two ships in sight. gunnery. we happen to be better employed just now.

22nd. Employed in cutting and boiling. Saw Mount St. Elias lofty and grand with its summit far above the clouds. covered in snow.



- 23<sup>rd</sup> A perfect calm, not a ripple on the water, quite a contrast to some of the weather we have had, warm and pleasant. Two ships in sight, the Dartmouth cutting in a whale. Looked for whales, but it was too calm to be successful. The whales seemed to be lying upon the water, basking in the sun-shine. I have never seen them so still before.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Samuel went on board the Dartmouth this morning to do a little trading. Capt Heath returned with him and stopped until after dinner. Four ships in sight, two chasing whales. We are very near the land. It presents a fine appearance to our gaze. "Height above height in grand succession rise." Some of them bare and others covered in snow. Mount Elias rising majestically in the distance. When I was a school-girl studying geography, how strange it would have seemed, had anyone told me that I should view these places with my own eyes. We have very pleasant weather now and I enjoy sitting on the house very much watching the ships and whales. I am perfectly contented and so is Minnie, occasionally a tear dims our eyes when we think of home and friends, but we know they are in the hands of an all-wise Father, and to His care we commit them.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Have seen no whales today, we are very near the land. Two ships and two bargies in sight. Capt Parsons of the Charles Carroll came down in the afternoon and took tea with us, has taken a large whale since we saw him that made 240 barrels.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Shoved down our oil today - about 13.8 lbs. Saw whales in the afternoon, about half past seven lowered for them and took one, got him to the ship about ten o'clock. When we saw the <sup>sun</sup> set about nine o'clock and rises about three, it is daylight nearly all night. 113 lbs.



28<sup>th</sup> Out in our whale in the forenoon in the afternoon  
saw whales again and towed the boats about  
half past three, got fast to a whale which acted  
very badly. they were fast to him all three of the  
boats about five hours when as they were much  
fatigued and it was about ten o'clock they were  
obliged to cut from him.

29<sup>th</sup> Sailed for whales again this P.M. took one  
and after killing him had the gratification of  
seeing him go down to rise no more - He all  
felt much disappointed, but it could not be helped -  
better luck next time - perhaps.

30<sup>th</sup> Saw whales again this P.M. Sailed about six  
o'clock got fast to a whale and - the menicker  
he had hoped there was one more for us in June  
but we were mistaken, Saw Mount St. Erics  
today one hundred and thirty miles distant.  
Suppose our friends at home have received our letters  
are this, I am thankful they can hear good news  
from us, for once, at least.

July 1<sup>st</sup> Saw no whales today. Spike the Bloom  
of New Bedford, Capt Simons, about sunset, has  
taken six whales this season. Sarswell went on  
board of him, he sent me a nice piece of fresh  
milk which was very acceptable.

Had a rough stormy day. wind blowing a gale -  
4<sup>th</sup> of July - how different from any which I ever passed  
a fair, cold, rainy, and disagreeable, a few guns were  
fired by way of amusement which was all the celebration  
we could get except an extra dinner, we had for  
dinner a pair of ducks stuffed and roasted, cranberry sauce,  
potatoes, pumpkin, and a boiled pudding or duff, as we  
call it. Saw whales in the forenoon towed and  
got fast to one, after getting him about half killed he took a  
fancy to run, and consequently took the whole of the line and  
made tracks for some where leaving a wake of blood. what  
better celebration could we have wished for than a whale  
alongside, but perhaps it was all for the best as it  
was, for the wind blew up a gale, and we must have been



obliged to cut from him a long side, which would have  
been still worse.

5th, Raining and blowing a gale, nothing in sight.

6th Pleasant. Saw no whales or ships in sight.  
Spoke her after tea. She proved to be the "Camelback"  
of John Bedford, Capt. Winslow. Seven whales this  
season, has taken most of them around here -

Heard from Lewis B. Linnice by him, he saw them last winter, all well, 8 or 9 sperm. He came on board and passed the evening with us. Bought as many Bomb Lances of him as we wished.

28. Finished stowing down our oil today; the whale made us 113 barrels.

9th. A gale of wind for two days. Saw a number of whales, yesterday and today. Chased whales towards night and got fast to one, but it was so rough and growing dark, that they were obliged to cut. Our fourth whale seems very hard to take.

10<sup>th</sup> A dead calm, saw whales but it was too still to get near them. Miserable, howling weather, say they. A ship and a Barque in sight. Brought home a curiosity in one of the boats, a piece of kelp or sea-weed (called here a sea-serpent) very much the shape of a serpent forty-six feet in length. Samuel has had it put up to preserve to dry to carry home as a curiosity.

10th Raining and blowing a gale of wind. Samuel had had thoughts of starting for Bristol Bay to-day as there is no weather for whaling here, although there are whales. He has decided to wait a few days longer, hoping to get one whale more before he leaves.

12<sup>th</sup> Looked for whales once but could not get up  
to them. They were going quick. In the afternoon  
spoke the great British & New Bedford, and a Whig.  
But this season has cruised around here for the  
last month Capt. W. took tea on board, & it seems  
there were six ships in sight.



18<sup>th</sup> The anniversary of our marriage, Ten years today we were united "till death us do part"

"Yes, ten most blessed years have passed  
Since Heaven pronounced me thine  
Each still more happy than the last  
Since first I knew thee mine."

"Yes, mine! My precious husband thou  
Know thou when first thy bride,  
Full well I know thou lov'st me now;  
My warmth thou wilt not chide."

"Poets have dreamed and poets talked  
Of love's first fitful flames;  
But we in brighten'd bliss have walked  
Through the ~~scars~~ <sup>scars</sup> of "Honey Moons"

May the day that shall separate us be far distant.

14<sup>th</sup> Saw Mount Fairweather in the distance, with its  
heavy summit clothed in snow, passed a ship, but  
did not speak her, saw four at a distance.

15<sup>th</sup> The ~~new~~ boats went after whales, and had the  
good fortune to capture a mother and child, or cow  
and calf, as they are called, the little one will not  
make much oil. A little shore bird flew on board  
yesterday from the vicinity of Mt Fairweather, which  
they caught for me, it is brown and yellow, quite a  
lively bird. I have turned my work-basket over  
for a cage, given him flax-seed and rice to eat  
and water to drink, so that he seems quite at  
home. If he will only sing, I shall feel as happy. I  
long to hear the notes of a bird again. I was exceedingly  
disappointed at the absence of birds at the Islands.  
We have enjoyed a warm, pleasant day.

17<sup>th</sup> Looked for whales in the morning, but it was  
so calm, could not get near enough to shoot. About  
noon a good luck would have it for once,  
picked up a dead whale, it had been dead  
too long for the body to be of any use, saved the



two lips and throat, which made us 25 barrels. He put that with the calf and call it five whales.

18th Minnie's birth-day, to which she has been looking forward with much pleasure. She thinks now that she is quite old, six years. She has received from one and another, on board, as presents, a little breast-pin, and three dollars and ninepence in money. Spoke the John Howard at night, six whales this season. My little bird died about sunset.

19th Spoke the Coates, Capt. Ludlow this morning cutting in a whale, has taken five this season and picked up one of ours, the one that we cut from the 28th June. He gave us back our irons, Gammut and Minnie went on board. She brought back a box of nice shoes in the cart that he gave her.

21st Spoke the Enterprise, of Rantucket, Capt. Brown, this morning, taken on a whale this season and picked up three dead ones. Capt. Brown came on board and stayed to dinner with us. He has lost one man this season by getting a boat stove.

22nd Start this morning for Bristol Bay, direct, unless we see whales by the way. After dinner spoke the William B. Henry, of Fairhaven, Capt. Gimmell, three whales this season, will cruise up here a while longer, before going into the Bay. Finished stowing down our oil today 155 barrels. Hail God now, all told.

23rd A rough rain, clear with a high wind.

24th Breeze and sun, with a head wind.

25th Cloudy, with a good breeze - going 6 knots, eight months from home today.

Aug 13th For the past three weeks have been making passage to Bristol Bay with head winds and light during most of the time. Have met with nothing of interest. Have seen neither whales or ships, but have been mending our way, solitary and alone, through the trackless deep.

14th Made Caminack Island and the Ogamack group. We are to pass through Caminack Strait, a passage 10 miles wide. I shall be glad when we get safely



branch. Do not like such near proximity to land especially where we are not acquainted. Raised two ships this afternoon, a welcome sight to me, at least.

15<sup>th</sup> We were nearly through the passage (or I suppose we were through the passage but near by the channel) when it became calm so much so that we could not steer with a strong current drifting us directly into the land, which made our situation anything but pleasant, and some part of the time a thick fog. In the course of the night we let go the small anchor. We passed quite near one of the ships this morning, which we found to be the Benjamin Tucker the other has made her escape this afternoon while we were at anchor. The boat, third boat and boat crew, went on shore. They had just landed when a slight breeze sprang up and they were obliged to return after just taking a look around. They saw about a dozen underground huts, a hole dug <sup>in</sup> out of the ground, with a door just large enough to crawl in, on all-fours. The inhabitants probably had seen them coming and made their escape, as the huts were all desolate but looked as if they had just been deserted. Saw the tracks of bears and foxes. procured a large bunch of flowers for Shimie and myself which delighted us very much, also about a dozen strawberries, blackberries and huckleberries. We have a fine view of the land, here mountain rising above mountain their snowy tops peering far above the clouds. Shimie thinks if we were to get on the top of one of those mountains we should be very near to Heaven. We also saw the smoke issuing from two volcanoes. Last year some of the ships as they passed out got well sprinkled with ashes from one of them. I forgot to mention that the cross was erected on the island. Is it not strange however degraded you will always find some system of religion. Probably they have been visited by Russians.



16th Not much short of a calm today, we are not out of the way of land yet. This P.M. there is little more of a breeze and we may get out. My little Cabin is fragrant with flowers today. Some of them very pretty indeed.

[Oh, said Missie, when they gave them to me, was so delighted I fairly danced with joy. She is very fond of flowers, and they make her think of home. She is well, contented and happy. Nothing troubles her so much as the scent of an apple. She says sometimes she would eat the peelings and core that children at home throw away, even if they were all covered in "antemires".

18th We are now in the Bay, clear of all land. This morning picked up a carcass, it had been dead too long to be of much use. We saved about 18 barrels from it and 100 lbs of bone. Not much but worth saving. Spoke the B. Tucker in the forenoon we were both going the same way. So Capt Barber came on board and passed the day with us. He had been in the passage seven days when he first saw us. At sunset saw a right whale.

19th Looked for whales this morning, but immediately after a thick fog set in so that nothing could be seen. We fired guns and blew horns so that the boats might find their way to the ship, and it is thought it surely must be "Fourth of July" or some other great day, and then I recollected that it was Uncle James's birth-day. In the afternoon the fog cleared away and the weather was delightful, but no whales were to be seen. I enjoyed an hour on deck very much. We have lost sight of our consort, and now we are again alone.

20th In thick fog for several days, today a gale of wind, about sunset the fog has cleared and the weather has been delightful. We are now living off on fresh fish, which are very nice. Cod fish and flatfish are quite plenty. Caught about forty Cod from the ship this morning.



23<sup>rd</sup> At calm again, looked for whales this morning, but they very mysteriously disappeared and were not seen after the boats went down. Caught another supply of cod fish.

24<sup>th</sup> Saw a ship at a distance, did not speak her, saw no whales.

25<sup>th</sup> A gale of wind, lay in to, part of the time, the third of a year has elapsed since we launched in our little bark upon the ocean, & we, God in his goodness, has miraculously shielded us thus far from all dangers, may we still trust in Him.

26<sup>th</sup> Nothing in sight that rises, our company were beginning to feel rather down again, when the cry of right whales resounded from the bow-head. The boats were lowered and about 8 o'clock P.M. got a whale a long side, commenced cutting him in immediately as the Barometer gave indications of another gale.

28<sup>th</sup> Arose this morning and found ourselves in a city of ships, could count fifteen, from off deck some were boiling, some cutting in, and others chasing whales. It seems very lively and pleasant our boat lowered for a whale in the forenoon killed a very large one which sunk, but three boats being fast to him, they succeeded after some time in pulling him up again. Much to our satisfaction, got him alongside about two o'clock the Cannard passed us, skulking, but we did not speak her, all seem employed.

29<sup>th</sup> All hands were up through the night cutting in the whale, the wind blew quite fresh and the whale continuing to sink, they had rather a hard time, but they accomplished it at length, and our ship presents a very greasy appearance. The Blubber-room is filled, and the rest laying on deck. Saw whales today - but it was very rugged, six ships in sight today.

30<sup>th</sup> Rugged still. Have seen several whales today - one ship has been near us, which we think the Hantsville, or so, there is a dory on board, but it is so rugged that we could not meet probably, should they speak.



- Sep 1st. Plenty of whales in sight today, the sea  
 appears to be full of them. Our boats run out the  
 most of the day but did not succeed in getting fast to  
 one. Several ships in sight, trying like ourselves.  
 2nd. Whales in abundance, it is a grand sight to see  
 them ploughing through the sea, rising to breathe,  
 if they were aware of their strength, how few would  
 be safe. Our boats went off in the morning for  
 whales - about 10 o'clock, fastened to one, which knew  
 how to use his flukes, very scientifically, at dark  
 they were compelled to cut from him, which they  
 did with a very bad grace. 10 ships in sight, we saw  
 two take a whale, a black ship, and a barge.  
 Perhaps we may have a chance to try our luck again  
 tomorrow. There will probably be a dead whale for  
 some lucky one to pick up soon. We are now enjoying  
 pleasant weather, except it is rather cool, it is getting  
 late in the season now, and that must be expected.  
 3rd. Nothing to be seen except a few ships, not a  
 whale left. Fine weather for whaling.  
 4th. Several ships in sight. passed four carcasses.  
 5th. Finished stowing our oil today, 300 barrels  
 have 850 of whale now. Looked for whales in  
 the afternoon but got none. Went off about sunset  
 for several ships, that were together for a little  
 information in regard to the whales movements.  
 Samuel went on board the Benjamin Morgan  
 of New London Capt. Tison, and found Capt.  
 Ryan, of the Olympia, New Bedford, and Capt.  
 Comstock of the Neptune, New London there  
 the B. Morgan had taken 700 bbls and the others  
 two whales each. They say we have done better than  
 an average. The Good Return has left the ground  
 with flying colors, full.  
 6th. Passed the general Tote and spoke the Gen.  
 T. Lantier, French ship.  
 7th. Spoke the S. Lantier again the Capt. came  
 on board and passed the evening. When our  
 boats crew returned the French ship was gone.



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of blubber and blubber which were quite a treat. We have taken 1240 barrels this season, he informed us that Capt. Loven of the *Gay Head* had lost his mate, was killed by a whale, 10th Saw whales today, but they were going very fast and a very heavy sea towards the South, but without success.

18th. We have had a succession of very heavy rain the last night I suppose for the last six days. Today we have settled weather again. Spoke the General *Vesta* after tea, the Capt came on board a short time, I cannot recollect his name, he spoke very good English much better than the Capt of the *D'Hautpout*, he has taken 450 this season.

21st. Killed a lead whale this morning which seems to be about like those we have before taken. A strong breeze in the afternoon 22nd. Another gale of wind, it is getting late in the season and the summer we are at of this Bay the 1st. The first fair wind probably we shall make our departure.

23rd. A fair wind and we bid farewell to Bristol Bay as speedily as possible. A whale yielded us 33 barrels. We intended passing through *Cumriak* passage instead of *Cumriak* but the wind has blown so we are to proceed the same way as we came in. I hope we may have a good time.

24th. Passed through the Straits, had a fine view of the land, considerable snow I should judge had fallen since we entered. Saw a *Holmes* entell, came out with me, the smoke issuing from its top.

25th. Ten Mon the from home today. and we are leaving our way through the *Trick* passage. It will sail out bound for the *Classical* Kingdom, where I anticipate with fear and trembling not unmixed with pleasure the reception of letters. Oh may they be the bearers of love and sadness, and merriment of sorrow or trouble the recorded on a single page.



27th We have a fair wind and the good ship "Hesperia" has been us on right merrily. At ship in sight, also came for the "Hesperia". I feel that we shall much to be thankful for the past season. Our good Father has kindly watched over us to shield us from all harm. No sickness or accident has befallen us, while at last many who left their homes buoyant and smiling with hope have found a watery grave.

Oct 4th For the last week we have been making rapid progress in our passage, have had a fair wind and for the most part, plenty of it. We have plenty to do, getting ready for port, and I find my share to perform. What would my friends at home say were I to tell them, that I am as much hurried in preparing clothes for port, as if I were engaged in the duties of house-keeping, but it is soon so. I put off skinnies clothing as long as possible, because she is growing so fast. For the last week I have been making a doll and dressing it for her to carry in port, as Sarah Price seems to have seen her best days. She calls this one Mary Stuart. We are now in warm weather and it seems delightful once more. Last night we caught a porpoise, so Sausage-meat is on our bill of fare once more after a long absence.

Arrived 14th just before sunset. "Hesperia" when we signalled for a pilot, who soon made his appearance, also the steam tug "Pile" which towed us safely in Honolulu harbor. Our good ship was almost filled with visitors, much to our surprise for I had not arranged any toilet, as I intended to remain on shore until morning. Immediately after our arrival my husband went on shore to get our letters, and in the meantime I tried to compose myself against his return. I could only hope now the Lord will a trial was granted me. As I received the above intelligence of the well-being of all my friends, sickness or death had occurred in either family, loved ones except little Grace Walter, of whose death I heard last spring.



How truly precious were those in by messengers  
of love from friends near and dear. I received 2  
letters from Mother & from Elizabeth and one from  
Sarah the remainder were at hand.

15th I went on shore in the morning and secured  
a boarding-place for us at C. M. Butler's private  
boarding house - at 25¢ per week. Capt. G. was  
on the wharf with his carriage and waited on us with  
his customary politeness. Honolulu does not present so  
much an appearance from the harbor as Lahaina,  
the latter is situated on the spit with a street running  
the whole length of the village, thickly ornamented  
with trees. Honolulu covers a much larger space of  
territory and it extends farther back. It appears to be  
made up of mountains and valleys. Considerable attention  
I must judge has been paid to improvements and there  
are some very fine residences.

16th we have a very pleasant boarding place, there  
are about 30 boarders - 2 ladies beside myself - Mrs.  
Morgan and Son - whose husband is in the "Saratoga"  
and is an invalid - her husband brought her to the  
Islands, hoping a residence there would prove beneficial  
to her health, but I fear she is destined to disappointment.  
Another is Capt. Scovell's lady and child of the "Corymbus"  
Mrs. S. received a call from Mrs. Grant of the  
Hornville who has been in such close proximity to  
us all the season, came here 4 ladies on the ground all  
the morning but we never met at all - she would often  
come and see each other. Capt. Hazen's lady of the "Silver  
Star" who left her husband about the time (as we did)  
the ship, stopping at the Islands the past season - she  
is now afflicted with a cancer on her tongue, and will  
perhaps never be any better. She was well when her  
husband left for the North, and what was his  
surprise to find her in such a situation.

17th Took a fine ride this P.M. out on the plains.  
On this Saturday, the natives both male and  
female were enjoying a horse race which is  
it is usual practice on a Friday their holiday.



The Wahines, or Wahines, sit on their horses the same as the men, they have a piece of gay calico 5 or 6 ft. in length, which they wrap around their bodies some mysterious way, and let it drop down in graceful folds on each side. They present quite a gay appearance with this fanciful dress and they are really beautiful riders.

18<sup>th</sup>. Capt Hocum arrived this morning, much to the joy of his good lady, at least. Attended church this morning once more. It seems good to enter the sanctuary <sup>again</sup> ~~and~~ ~~and~~ after being deprived of that privilege for six long months. Attended divine service again in the evening, after services received an introduction to Mr. Demmon. I have heard so much of him that he already seemed like an old acquaintance.

19<sup>th</sup>. Received this morning one letter from S. P. Bourne one from Helen and one from Sarah, from Maine, it being the 10<sup>th</sup> both they could not get them from the office consequently we must wait another day for the remainder. Mr. Loring of the U. S. Army called to see us this morning and we had a nice talk about Walmouth. The first of them I have met with since leaving home that I ever saw before. We have decided to send a boy home to him as a messenger. We have discharged Darnall and Bush on account of ill-health, and Maxim (the one who shipped under an alias with a name) goes on in the John Lund.

20<sup>th</sup>. Received another package of letters today, one from my dear Mother, two from Cynthia one from James, one from Charles and one from George a note from C. F. Heywood also a letter from S. P. B. Edmin received a letter from her Aunt Cynthia's one from Aunt Lizzie Robinson, one from sister William and one from her dear Cousin Willie, the mail is expected daily from the coast, when I hope to have later news from ~~the~~ home. My latest dates are to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August.

21<sup>st</sup>. The mail arrived today but, no letters did it bring for us, consequently we must wait until Friday for the remainder. I know that we shall receive one this day -



Passed the day at Mrs. Courtwright's, (Mrs. Grant's boarding-place) but with Mrs. Edwards there who arrived from San Francisco this morning. Came from "the States" to meet her husband who is North in the Black Eagle. At a very quite a number of Capt. ladies, here at this time, Mrs. Skinner of the Marcano, Mrs. Stanning of the Canoe, Mrs. Cope of the Magnolia Mrs. Fisher of the Barnstable, Mrs. Dimane of the Japan and Mrs. Palmer of the Kingfisher besides those I have before mentioned.

28<sup>th</sup> Was made very happy this morning by the very unexpected arrival of our dear Brother George in the Harriet. The man that one I expected to see here. I waited several hours for him to arrive at my boarding-place, when Mr. Darnon called and invited me to ride with him.

I accepted his invitation and had a very delightful ride. He requested the guards to throw open the gates that we might have an opportunity of visiting the King's palace, which they did, it is a very pretty building, and the grounds are well laid out. I have had the pleasure of seeing His Majesty several times. He is a fine looking young man, has been dressed very plainly when I have seen him, have seen the Queen once only, she is a dark-white and very pretty. They are very well educated and the King has travelled quite extensively. On arriving home I found Brother George waiting to receive us. He is looking very well and is more fleshy than I ever saw him.

28<sup>th</sup>, Capt. Minto (George's Capt.) takes his meals at the house. He is looking very thin and feeble, not much as he did when he left home. At night George came up to see us again and we had a good talk of home and friends. He here spared the pain of telling him what a beach death had made in our family, as he heard it from Capt. Jones, about two months previous.



24th. Received a call from Capt Cleveland who has just arrived, he is bound home soon. Probably we may see him again out here, with his lady, before we leave for home.

25th. The Sabbath, and as we are mending our way to the Sanctuary, my husband, George, Minnie and myself, it seems so much like home - that I can hardly realise that we are thousands of miles from home.

26th. Have discharged Mr Baxter our second Officer - promoted Mr John the third officer and shipped a new one by the name of Chappell. Have had several men in the fort as before.

27th. Visited the Sailor's Home. I received many thanks for the Society in Galveston of which I am a member, for furnishing the room which goes by that name, being the first which was furnished by people at a distance. Mrs Shrum, the lady of the house, thanked me, while tears were streaming down her cheeks, to think that ladies so far off, across the wide ocean, should sit and sew for them that they might be enabled to make a comfortable home for the sailor. I was much pleased with what I saw there, and it appeared to be, as its name would indicate, a home for the sailor.

28th. Visited the Clipper Ship John Gilpin in company with my husband, Mr & Mrs Butler. I wished very much for a small piece of her spacious cabin to enlarge mine a little. Mrs Butler, (as Miss Howland came out from "the States" in this ship, about two years since, and immediately on her arrival was married to Mr Butler, before going on shore - consequently the "John Gilpin" seems very near to her.

29th. Enjoyed a morning ride with Mrs Shrum up the bay - she rides every morning for her health, though in a nice carriage, out with her, I have taken several delightful rides with her, on the plains, up the bay and along the sea-shore.



Nov 1st. This afternoon, in company with, Capt. Spruce, Mr. Chestnut Samuel, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Lovell Mrs. Stranburg and Mrs. Palmer visited the American Ship of War, Lt. May's, It was my first visit on board a man of war and it was attended with some curiosity. The officers were very gentlemanly and polite and showing us round after a very pleasant visit they took us on shore in their boat.

The remainder of the time was spent very pleasantly in visiting and receiving visits, with a call every day from George until the afternoon of this day when we left our good friends. I become so attached to those I am with on shore, that it seems like breaking away again from near and dear friends to leave them. Mr & Mrs Butler were very kind to us while we were with them. Yesterday Capt. & Mrs Phillips with three children arrived in the Green Queen and have taken up their residence here. They have a pair of twin daughters, nine years of age, charming - felt very sorry to leave them so soon. As soon as we left Capt. & Mrs Homer of the Merchant Ship Messenger Bird, were to occupy our room with two children one little boy 4 years of age who swears equal to any man that I ever heard in my life, he made nothing of repeating an oath to his mother, how she could bear it I cannot tell, but it made the tears start to my eyes. George brought us out to the ship in his boat which was lying off and on. The new boat and the ship had given us up for that night, so kept off. Consequently we had to go about six miles in the boat, when it was almost dark and very rough. I will say that I was very thankful to slip my foot once more on the deck of the old Addison. George and his crew stopped all night with us, and early in the morning we were forced to bid him goodbye probably we shall not meet again during the voyage.



5th. Just after the Harvest's boat left us, it was discovered that there were two men on board who had secreted themselves, as we had lost five by desertion. We had no desire to keep the deserters of other ships, one belonged to the Harvest and the other to the Janet, as the ship Black Eagle was just going on, we sent them to her to their respective owners, and we then made sail for the New Zealand cruising ground.

13th. It being raining and rough we had no lookout at the mast-head. Soon after breakfast we were startled by the cry, "A school of sperm whales close to the ship!" They got the boats down immediately but it was so rough, that they soon lost sight of them.

13th. Saw Fanning's Island, went quite near it. It appeared to be very low land covered with cocoa nut trees. It is said to be inhabited. This is the first low land we have seen on the voyage, all other islands have been very mountainous.

18th. We are having very warm weather, but as there is quite a breeze we manage to keep comfortable. While we were in port, my bedroom was enlarged, and now I do not think there is a lady on this cruising ground who has a larger and better green room than I have. Crossed the line today for the third time in my voyage.

21st. Samuel sat up most of the night last night, to look out for a small island called Bennett's Island that was in our immediate vicinity. Passed to the westward of it, however, and did not see it.

22nd. Last night there were several islands on each side of us, and Samuel deemed it prudent to be up again a part of the night. These islands are very low land islands and they can be seen but a short distance in the day time. Probably we passed directly between them as he hoped. But it will not answer to place too much confidence on observations, as an error of the chronometer, or a false position on the chart might prove very disastrous.



25th. One year of our voyage has passed, and we are now commencing the second year of our pilgrimage, may it prove as pleasant to us as the past has been.

26th. Probably this is Thanksgiving at home, and as Father, Mother, Brothers & Sisters, gather around the festive board, may they bestow one thought on their children who are "wanderers on the Sea". As it was blowing quite fresh and a heavy sea, we made no preparation for a special dinner, we were intending to be at Boratonga about that time, but the wind changed so that we could not fetch, After that we hoped to fetch Mytaka, but it was of no use. I am much disappointed, for I depended upon the nice fruit we could get there for bread also, pork and fowls, we were in want of wood from the Island. But we shall be obliged to wait until the cruise is up, and touch somewhere on our way to the Islands.

27th. I have kept an account of the miles we have sailed since we left home, up to the 25th November, one year out, we have sailed 36,985 miles, For the last 24 hours we have had a fine breeze which has borne us 200 miles, we are now in cooler weather again - which I like much better than the warm weather we have on the line.

Dec 5th. Made Sunday Island just before sunset.

6th. Went around to the other side of the Island, and as it was the Sabbath we only sent a boat in to see if wood might be obtained there, had no further communication with the shore during the day - As there is an abundance of wood to be procured there we shall probably lay off for several days.

7th. A hard rain storm, so that we kept off from the island, until afternoon - when we wore ship and stood in for the land. The Ship Ocean was in here the day before we arrived, out 13 1/2 months with 950 bbls sperm oil.

8th. In the afternoon, three boats went on shore for wood - returned about sunset, ~~car~~ with three boat loads of wood, and some straggling tomatoes, which they sent off to me. There are two families there, occupying one house, one man the proprietor of the



establishment, has two wives and quite a number of  
 children. The other makes for him and has taken a sister of the  
 other man's wife for his wife. The females are natives of  
 New Zealand. The males are Tahitians. Within a short  
 time another family has arrived. But as they are rather  
 destitute of provisions, the probability is they will not take up their  
 abode there. Mr. Mickelson brought us a letter from Lewis & Eunice  
 written two years ago and left there for Samuel or Augustus. They  
 had strong hopes of seeing one or both of us.  
 9th, our boats went off again this morning. I wanted very  
 much to go on shore, but as it was rough and bad landing,  
 owing to the surf, Samuel thought it not best. So I put up a bundle  
 of needles, cotton thread, wax, a few yards of Calico and a piece of flannel  
 with some toys, books and papers from Shimie and a bag of  
 crackers for the children and sent a shore with a letter I had  
 previously written for Lewis & Eunice should they touch their  
 boats. returned about three o'clock. it was so rough they could  
 not bring off any wood. they obtained some bananas, birds eggs  
 a goose, some turkeys, a bag of tomatoes which the women  
 sent me, and three little pigeons which were sent to Shimie.  
 As we were having bad weather and it was such bad landing,  
 Samuel thought it best to leave the Island, without attempting to get  
 more wood. So we stood off immediately after. They brought me a  
 few leaves and flowers to press - and a few shells and stones but  
 nothing choice. Ponice-stone is found in abundance on the shore.  
 10th. Have been making pies and preserves of my Strawberry tomatoes  
 today, which we found very nice. they grow wild and in great  
 abundance here. they are called Cape gooseberries here, Strawberry tomatoes  
 at home, and Pomah - at the Sandwich Islands. I think there  
 are much larger and nicer than those at the Sandwich Islands.  
 Sunday Island in sight at sunset. as we have had a calm day.  
 11th. Saved our goats milk last night and this morning, took some of  
 our birds eggs which we procured from shore and made a real  
 Home like Indian pudding. those eggs I think are nearly equal  
 to hen's eggs - they are speckled, the yolks are about the size, but are  
 much higher colored. About tea-time, a sail was raised from the  
 mast-head, the first we have seen since leaving the Islands.



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11th. At noon we were both under short sail during the night, the ship was not about the same distance from us this morning. We hoped it was the Com-Morris, and Samuel would have tried to speak her, but she seemed inclined to avoid us - we hoisted our colors - but she took no notice of it - In the afternoon she went on one tack, and we another, so that we soon lost sight of each other. So day we find ourselves in East Longitude.

13th. Spoke the ship that we saw yesterday; which proved to be the Amethyst of New Bedford, Capt Jones. He came on board about 6 o'clock and stayed until one o'clock, we had a very pleasant game, had much to tell him that had transpired within the last three years, he gave me a few fine apples - the first I have seen for the voyage -

14th. Saw Macinby's or Goat Island in the morning, Both the boats went in fishing - failing to get fish they went on shore and killed two wild hogs - Came back to the ship about sunset. The Amethyst in sight all day -

15th. Two boats went ashore today. Came back in the afternoon with a few fish - two wild goats which they had killed and a kid which they succeeded in taking alive -

The Island is very small, uninhabited, nearly destitute of vegetation, no water to be found on the Island. An abundance of goats, hogs, and parquets to be found. They caught one of the latter, to bring to skinning, but it got drowned on their way to the ship. We had some of our pork cooked for dinner today, that they killed ashore yesterday.

I made great dependence upon my dinner, but when it was brought upon the table, the flavor thereof was so offensive we were obliged to have it removed before we could eat our dinner - hope the goats may prove more palatable.

Saw a ship at a distance about sunset. We hoped to see a whale off this Island but have been disappointed.

18th. The wind was fair this morning, and Samuel had become nearly discouraged looking for sperm whales, and in the evening none we started for the South, with whaling.

I was disappointed for I wanted to get in with the sperm whale fleet, hoping that we might see the Com-Morris the same, for he says we sperm whalers on our way South.



The cooks prepared at the island on 12<sup>th</sup> eating  
the best mussels very much that of me. Then made it  
stewed, boiled and fried and a very nice hash made as we  
have of sheep heads ~~and~~ of the head and harslet.

For the last few days have had very pleasant weather.  
shall have it more rugged as we proceed south.

21<sup>st</sup>. Saw a fin-back very near the ship about sunset the  
first whale of any kind we have seen since we crossed the  
line. The weather is now quite cool, but pleasant.

22<sup>nd</sup>. Weather much cooler today - have had the stove put up  
in the house on deck instead of the cabin for the present.

23<sup>rd</sup>. Christmas day reminds us of home and friends.

Minnie wished to hang up her stocking as usual, and  
as I have a tin of candies which her grandpa put up for her  
"Santa Claus" managed to fill it very well. We sat down  
to a Christmas dinner of two roast turkeys, sweet and Irish  
potatoes, boiled onions, stewed pumpkin and cranberries, pickles  
and a nice indian pudding made of milk and eggs.

Had a goat killed for the benefit of those living in the  
forecastle to which I should think they did ample justice  
as there are but two legs remaining. In the afternoon  
they were cheered by the sight of a right whale, lowered the  
boats, but it was rough and a heavy sea, so that their efforts  
were without success as he kept under water most of the time.

About sunset again we heard the welcome sound of "Thank You"  
but it was too late to send the boats out in pursuit of them.

26<sup>th</sup>. Spoke the ship *Galeon*, in the morning, of New Bedford,  
Capt. Norton 28 months out, 500 bbls. The Captain came on board  
and passed the day with us. I sent a letter to Thomas Vahrey by  
him, as he was confident that he should see them at  
Talechuan. About 5 P.M. saw another ship, but did not get  
near enough to speak.

27<sup>th</sup>. A thick fog in the morning, regular right-whale weather,  
or foggy, as the French Captain of the *D. Antipoul* called it -  
in the forenoon ~~left~~ had a hard shower, so that we soon caught  
water enough for our next washing day.



28th. Saw whales just before breakfast. immediately after breakfast. lowered the boats. Mr. Nickerson's boat soon got fast to one, when he capsized the boat and precipitated them all in the water. Mr. John. with the waist boat immediately went to their rescue, but before he reached them, one poor fellow had formed a watery grave. He said he could not swim, so Mr. Nickerson gave him an oar that he might keep himself up. But he thinks he must have had the cramp, and let go his hold on the oar.

For Antonio! He came out as one of the cabin boys and had lived in the cabin for a year - and then at his own request went to live in the fore-castle, he was so anxious to go out in a boat after whales; he was a smart active boy of 18 years. and I had become quite attached to him. Only the week before I had proposed to the Samuel that we should take him home with us, and give him the benefit of a little education. That was a sad day for us, Antonio; when thou wast summoned into the mysteries of the unseen world, without a moment's warning.

May God in His infinite goodness have mercy on thy soul. In the afternoon saw whales again lowered the boats. and Mr. Chappell struck one, which they soon killed - commenced cutting in about half past three, finished at eleven P.M. The sad events of the day had made me almost sick, so I took a cup of tea by myself, and went early to bed.

29th. A high wind, and so rugged that it was not fit to commence boiling. Saw five ships today.

30th. Commenced boiling this morning. We had our black pig killed yesterday afternoon. Have one small one left yet. As it was too getting to be quite cool in the cabin, we had our stove put up, a nice little stove that was purchased at Honolulu.

Minnie says, "Mama I think I was something like a missionary the other day." Said I, "Is that so?" "When I was helping the steward pick out some dried apples, I talked to him about God." She has been much engaged lately in reading "The peep of day, Live upon him, and Precept upon precept, three books which I purchased of Mr. Damon.



She was interested especially in the account of the "Storm at Sea" where she rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea "Peace, be still." a few days after she had been reading that passage, we had a gale of wind, and a heavy sea, and when I was putting her to bed, she told me that she got up to the cabin window and said "Peace, be still to the sea," but it did not obey her, as it did years ago. January 1st, 1858. Another new year has opened upon us - the old year which opened upon us so fresh and smiling - departed in sadness - for a cloud was hung around our pathway; even at the very threshold of the new year one of our number left us, never again to return. May not the sad news come to us from across the sea - that any of our loved home faces have passed to the spirit-land during the past year - as far as we have heard from they have been mercifully preserved - God grant that it may not be otherwise. Saw four ships in sight during the day. In the afternoon a high wind prevailed with rain.

2nd. Nothing in sight, either ships or ~~seals~~ whales, we are going back to where we saw the whales before. if we are not successful in finding them there again, shall look up another cruising ground. We had a gony or albatross killed yesterday, and I am going to try to save the feathers, as they are very soft and nice.

3rd. The holy Sabbath - first Sabbath of the New Year. I should much like to attend church to day - to hear the New Year's sermon. May it be a profitable and well-spent year - to us all.

In the evening commenced blowing a heavy gale, the barometer had been indicating it for several days.

4th. Still blowing a gale - had the dead-lights shut to the cabin windows, and I was obliged to take my work on to the bed. in the afternoon the gale abated. It was a famous day among the officers and crew for sewing, I imagine all the old clothes got a good mending on this day.

5th. A ship in sight in the afternoon but no whales.

6th. Saw four whales in the morning - before breakfast soon after breakfast the boats went in pursuit of them. they fastened to two but the iron from the second mate's boat came out. so that we were successful in taking but one - which we were very happy to have. They were employed until dark in cutting him in. Saw a ship at a distance. Commenced blowing hard before they finished cutting in the whale.



8th commenced boiling this forenoon, saw a ship, which we thought to be the Japan, but as soon as we commenced boiling he started off. Quite rugged in the morning, but about noon it cleared away and we had fine weather for the remainder of the day.

9th. Fine weather in the forenoon, in the afternoon were obliged to "lay to" in a gale. Saw a ship after tea which we judge to be the same one that we have seen at times for several days.

10th. The wind died away during the night to nearly a calm, fine weather this morning, the ship still in sight, fine weather during the day. Spoke the ship after tea, which proved to be the Japan, Capt. Diman, did not gain, he had been chasing the whales this afternoon without success. has taken two whales since leaving the Islands.

About sunset commenced raining and blowing a gale.

11th. Weather rainy and thick in the forenoon in the afternoon pleasant, all hands employed in stowing down oil. Stowed down 14 barrels from the two whales.

12th. Fine weather during the day with the exception of one or two squalls. After dinner spoke the ship Splendid of Edgartown, Capt Smith came on board and passed the afternoon with us. As he was bound for Saleakuanoo very soon, I sent some letters in by him that he might mail them home. I sent two sheets to Falmouth one to J. P. Bourne and one to Sarah; one to Rev Bedford to George; one to Esther Holmström, one to Charles and Leiser and one to Cynthia to Sandwich, and one to be left at Saleakuanoo to Thomas Hickey. Hope they may reach their destination before letters that we shall send from the Islands. Capt Smith has not taken a drop of oil for eleven months, has 250 sperm and 1400 whale. In the afternoon there was another ship in sight.

13th. Pleasant weather with quite a strong breeze.

The ship Splendid in sight astern of us. After tea our goose flew overboard and we were obliged to send two boats out after her. They finally succeeded in catching her after injuring her with the boat hook consequently we were under the necessity of killing her. About dark the wind increased,



14th. Pleasant weather with a strong breeze the ship still in sight. In the afternoon the gale increased and blew with great violence during the night. About one o'clock I was awakened by a sound as of the rustling of many waters my first thought was that the ship was going down - but my fears were entirely groundless, as we only shipped a heavy sea which broke one of the sky-lights and sent the water into the after-cabin. The Steward was called up to bail it out which he soon did, but almost every thing was wet through.

15th. The gale continued unabated, until about eleven o'clock when it rapidly increased. About twelve o'clock, shipped another heavy sea which went across the ship with such force, as to carry away the bow boat, davits &c from the other side. The gale was much harder than any we have experienced since leaving home. In the afternoon the gale rather abated and the sea went down.

16th. Quite a strong breeze. But the gale has left us. Minnie says - "She wishes that Papa would 'suff up his helm' and start for the Islands, for she is quite tired of this weather, for we came here for whales, and can find nothing but gales" and I think it is even so. Saw a ship today quite near us, probably she was not far distant during the gale. Had a severe pain in my face today, which I suppose proceeds from a defective tooth.

16th. Another strong breeze with some rain, and very thick. Saw some indications of whales - so Samuel thought it best to 'lay to'; and not go over the ground in a fog - Have been confined to my bed for two days with the pain in my head and face. The sore broke this afternoon, so that I think I shall soon get over it.

17th. A thick fog again this morning; had some trouble with one of the forward hands, which ended in confining him in the run - such things are very unpleasant to me, he has been down there once before, during the voyage, and I hoped that would be sufficient for him, but it seems that it has proved otherwise. In the afternoon a hard rain-storm.

21st. A gale came on the night of the 17th which has continued without abatement ever since, and last night Samuel resolved to go "before the wind" and leave this region as quick as possible. It is useless to stop here, for if we should see whales, which we do not, it would be of



11. m. with the wind blowing a gale. Have had no one looking out at the mast-heads for a week. Saw a ship bound in the same direction with ourselves.

28<sup>th</sup> We are now in fine weather, considerably warmer than it has been, in a few days shall be in warm weather again. We shall probably cruise now around some of the Islands near the line, hoping we may catch sperm whales. For the last week I have been confined to my bed, with my face, it did not get better as I expected, and I could get no rest either day or night. Night before last Samuel opened the gathering which relieved me very much. I am now nearly well again.

26<sup>th</sup> Raised a ship a long way ahead. We gain upon her considerably, perhaps we may be up with her tomorrow morning. We are enjoying delightful weather now which we fully appreciate, after the Southern gales and storms we have experienced.

27<sup>th</sup> Just after breakfast we spoke the ship that we saw yesterday. She proved to be the James Mavor of New Bedford. Capt. Curry came on board and passed the day with us, and was nearly calm. He boarded at Mr. Butler's with me, at Honolulu. So that he seemed like an old acquaintance. He has taken one whale this season: has experienced very rough weather like ourselves. There were other boats lost I conclude beside ours, as he had seen the wrecks of two and had heard of another. Capt. Curry sent me when he returned to his ship. "The History of Pitcairn Island," some games, and some dried bananas. Put up at Rotonga I gave him several books.

28<sup>th</sup> We have not lost the ship much today, as they are mending the main-sail. She is in sight a short distance from us. Capt. Curry told us of the still further rise of whalebone which is a matter of rejoicing to us. An unheard of event, in the annals of history, for whalebone to be 1.50 cts per pound. The Ladies are to be thanked for that, and I presume all interested in right-whaling are truly thankful for this skirt-movement. May the fashion long continue. One month



Today since Antone was swallowed up in the relentless waters - 30th. It has been a dead calm for two days - consequently the ship moves on very lazily. Saw something that looked like land today. probably it was "Michell's group of Islands" as we supposed ourselves to be in their vicinity. The weather is getting to be uncomfortably warm. Still we shall have it very much warmer than it is now.

31st. We are favored today with a nice little breeze, supposed to be the "trade winds". have put up the studding-sails this morning and we are now making our way finely to Pitcairn Island - when we hope to get a sperm whale -.

Feb. 1st. A strong breeze today, which wafts us along right merrily. The James Macky still in sight every day for a short time and then disappears. We do not beat her, as we did the first time we saw her.

2d. Pitcairn Island in sight. We sailed around the Island and very near it so that we had a full view. It is famous as being the home of the mutineers of the ship Bounty - and it seems almost incredible that so small an island could have been the scene of such awful tragedies as have there been enacted. Ptd John Adams, the last survivor of the mutineers, had two dreams, which caused him to repent of his sins and turn from his evil ways - since that time their descendants have been brought up in a simple Christian-like manner - and have won the respect of all who have visited them. As the Island was too small for their subsistence with their increasing population, Norfolk Island was presented them by the English government, and to that place they have since removed. Consequently Pitcairn is now deserted. We could see their houses and their little church - with holes all around it, resembling the port-holes of a ship instead of windows. It is a very pleasant, fresh looking Isle, rising abruptly from the sea, well stocked with trees of various kinds. The highest point rises 1000 feet above the level of the sea - It is interesting to us, especially as being the birth-place of our little niece Mary Stuart and it reminded us of how much we want to see her. The James Macky was around the Island also and in the afternoon we set a signal for him to come on board which he did. I wanted some of the fruit that we supposed



To be on the Island. Orange Mountains Baranacas Ac but it is a very bad landing place without a pilot, and as the wind was the wrong way - James thought it not advisable to attempt to send in a boat - He found our Chronometer to be about thirty miles out of the way - by the latitude and longitude of the Island - I like to see land occasionally so that the rate may be corrected, if wrong - 4th. Have been trimming ship to day so that we may sail faster, had not enough air here so they have been filling casks with salt water about sunset was near enough to the James Mandy to speak her - after that we passed her.

5th. A strong breeze which carries us speedily on our way - the James Mandy beat us a little last night, we have seen nothing as yet to indicate whales - not even a black-pit porpoise or fin-back. Now we are proceeding on our way to the Marquesas Islands when we shall touch for wood. At sunset the James Mandy was as far astern as she could be seen - from aloft.

6th. A strong breeze made 200 miles the last twenty-four hours. our consort is not to be seen.

7th. A strong breeze. fine and pleasant, made 228 miles the last twenty-four hours.

8th. Made 200 miles the last twenty-four hours, expect to see the Island of Magdalena or Futukiva in the morning.

9th. In the morning arrived in sight of the Island, a ship in sight appearing to be bound in which we took to be a merchant-man. as we approached the land we saw a ship in the harbor - a sight that was pleasing to me, as I felt somewhat anxious in regard to going among these wild savages. As we drew near a boat came off to us filled with frightfully tattooed naked men, one who said he was chief could talk a little broken English. he is to stay on board while we are procuring wood to look out for the natives as he says "they have plenty that." One of our boats went ashore and another went on board the merchant ship to see if we could obtain date papers and to carry letters in case she should be bound to California which proved to be the case she was the Barge Glimpse Capt. Dayton bound to Cal. from Sydney with forty passengers. The ship in



the harbor was the Japan Capt Dorian, no oil since we last saw him. When the boat returned she brought off some bananas coconuts, and some fowl as a present to me from John's (the chief's) wife.

10th. Samuel decided to anchor here instead of laying off as we at first intended, which we did about noon. The ship was filled with native men through the day. The women are not allowed to go in a canoe - it is tabu to them. If they wish to go to another bay they are compelled to go over rocks and ridges while their husbands go in their canoes. They may go in a whale boat however when opportunity offers. We have had pigs fowls coconuts bread-fruit bananas and pine-apples brought off today, and I have had sufficient employment in watching them as they came off in their canoes. Every thing is new and strange to me. What would my friends at home say to see such frightful looking creatures. They appear delighted to see Minnie and myself. I believe there never was but one white woman here before we came. They come up to us and put their hands on us and say "merry good here, merry good here" pointing about us. This afternoon the Hanaka Missionary and native teacher came on board. The Missionary Mr. Heiri is from Oahu came here with his wife in the Morning Star, the children's ship. They took tea with us and the native teacher. Abraham a Native asked a blessing at the table in his native language. I think it is a glorious era in the history of our world. For those who once were heathen and have embraced the gospel, to come to these other islands of the sea and proclaim the glad tidings to their brethren who are still in darkness. I sympathize with them in their labors and have assisted and will do all in my power for them. Old John the chief brought his wife off in our boat to see me. Her clothing consisted of a piece of red flannel tied around her, earrings of porpoise teeth and an abundance of beads around her neck. She is my friend. Every one has a friend here that means among them, "me give you, you give me."



She brought me some sugar-cane, fowl, and pine apples -  
 I gave her a few yards of cloth and some beads -  
 11th. The ship has been filled with natives, the same  
 as yesterday. Kaitua came on board to dinner, and  
 he attempted to ask a blessing in English. I will put  
 it down as near as I can recollect. "O great Father  
 got no brother, got no brother, got no sister, make first  
 de sea, make first de dry land, make first de moon  
 and de stars, make first de trees, den he make man,  
 and now great Father, give man he belly full, Amin."  
 He is the first convert among them, and I am much  
 pleased with him, he certainly seems much better  
 than many of them, or I might say than most of  
 them. He says "me throw my tabu all away, me throw  
 my Kanaka god all away - my God, Jehovah, and as  
 he spoke the name he looked up very reverently -  
 He says again, "before Missionary come - me no good,  
 me sava plenty lie, me sava plenty steal, me sava  
 plenty fight, me sava plenty kill Kanaka, now me  
 no sava - Missionary God no like." The Missionary  
 has but few followers - they think too much of their tabus  
 to give them up readily - they are a very superstitious people.  
 no woman is allowed to touch a man's head, or any thing  
 that touches a man's head - and any thing they put  
 over their head is tabu to any one. I noticed several  
 with little bags around their necks I inquired what it  
 was for - they told me it was powder, they wanted to keep  
 it for themselves and so they put it over their heads and  
 made tabu of it. In the afternoon Samuel Munn  
 and myself went on shore. They made a great deal of  
 us, examined our clothes and thought every thing in any  
 way appertaining to us was "merry good". Their houses are built  
 of bamboos and leaves platted together for the roof, and  
 the floor is made of little stones something like our gravel  
 walks only the stones are larger - they have nothing in their  
 houses but mats to sleep on - and if any thing  
 gets under these mats, let it be ever so valuable, it is  
 tabu and they must go and buy it on tabu ground.



They do not bury their dead but put them in houses, up in the mountain. if a woman loses a husband she scratches her face all over with the back of coconut and let the blood dry on. I saw two mourning in that way. They have a number of gods, but the greatest among them is what they call the Sea God - that is the white man's God. who makes all the powder muskets and ships and cloth. They also have god-men, who talk with the gods and tell the people what to do. When they kill an enemy they take his body up to a tabu house, and the god-men go there and eat it. The people of the other two bays on this side of the Island are at war constantly with the people of this tribe, in the Amoa Bay as it is called. There are not as many killed as they say now since they have commenced using fire arms as when they went to war with clubs and spears, they are great cowards. John the Chief says - me no like fight me afraid. Sometimes he says they say, come John you go fight - me say me no go, me sick, me too much sick they go off. me no sera sick. No more - me sick all go off - 12. Capt Dorman came on board and dined with us - we are engaged in getting wood, buying boys and fowls - 13th. Kalia and his wife came off to see us - also the missing Kavi his wife and two children. I gave each of the women some calico for a dress and made a little dress for each of the two children. At night another <sup>wife</sup> chief came off in our boat to see me - I gave her one of my old dresses and put it on her with which she was much pleased. The King came on board today and wanted to know if Samuel had not got a friend for him, so he gave him a shirt and I assisted him in putting it on, the first time I ever had the honor of putting on a garment for a king. He is a great beggar, and I dislike him more than any that I have seen. They are all great thieves nothing can be left within their reach that they will not take. To day a ship touched here a boat went out to it and found it to be the James Mawry had taken 60 bbls sperm oil since he left her - the Jap on took up her anchor today, will lay off and on until tomorrow. He has had three men to run away here -



14<sup>th</sup>. Most of our ship's company went on shore today to Church. Mr. Samuel Minnie and myself did not go as we knew we should attract the attention of the people from the minister, and thought we might do more good by staying away. In the afternoon John brought his wife (my friend as he calls her) to see me again.

15<sup>th</sup>. We are getting the last of the wood today and shall probably leave tonight. I went ashore in the afternoon and went to the missionary house - both times when I have been ashore, I have been surrounded by a crowd of people, and they all followed me to the house. They appeared to feel badly to have us to leave - they say "plenty ships come here but you more better plenty ship come here, no have wahine no have daughter, Katua says when you go, we cry - Captain all same my Father, you all same my Mother. About sunset we took the missionary on board to carry to Dominica, and bade the people of Batubira farewell.

16<sup>th</sup>. Passed the Island of St Pedro and in the afternoon lay off Pausman Bay, Havice or Dominica which is the Rev Mr. Pickels Station. He came off to us in his boat and another boat filled with Kanakas. Mr. Hickson went ashore to see what he could find fresh and ~~after~~ <sup>when</sup> Pickels decided to dig a few potatoes that afternoon, Samuel took the missionaries and went after them. The missionary has a plenty of potatoes but Samuel does not like to stay here long, he wishes to go tomorrow, and they are not dug yet. About sunset the boats came off with a few barrels of potatoes and an abundance of bananas. The missionaries are to come off in the morning to trade. The Nassau is laying off here also, has taken 100 bbls sperm this season.

17 Rev. Mr. Pickels and Kavi came off this morning with a few more potatoes, and bought goods to quite an amount. They gave Samuel an order on the Treasurer of the Hawaiian Missionary Society at Honolulu. They furnish themselves with trade from whale ships in this way to enable them to get provisions from



the natives. I sent Mrs. <sup>Ly</sup> Pickela some calico for a dress, as I had given one to Mrs. <sup>Ly</sup> Kairi before. We have seen Hood's Island, Omitahou or St Christina and Magdalena or Fatuhiva today. About four o'clock the missionaries left us and we said "Aloha" to the Island of Dominica. About sunset passed Hood's Island it is a small Island and uninhabited. There are two small Islands in this group (I can not now recollect the names) that are not inhabited by live men, but it is their belief that the spirits of their dead do there congregate.

18th, This morning saw Dominica, Hood's Island, Roaapooah or Washington Island and Roaapooah, in the afternoon we were very near the latter Island so that we could see the villages, as it was too late to send a boat in I am decided to lay off tonight and send a boat in in the morning. With the exception of a few valleys that are green and thrifty looking, the Island appears ~~glare~~ barren and rocky.

19th, Sent a boat in with a little trade to see if we could get a few hogs and some bananas, but nothing could be obtained. A canoe came off to us with natives also a boat, the latter brought a hog to sell, which we bought for three fathoms of cloth. While the boat was ashore one of our Kanakas, Johnny Boy, ran away. It is bad enough for a Kanaka that has been brought up among partially civilized people to run away in such a place as this, but that white people and Americans should choose a home among savages and cannibals, is surprising. Capt. Deane had three to desert him at Comoa. after four days had passed one repented and turned back. the others kept their hiding-places.

20th, Saw Roaapooah, Kuhuiva, Hargett's Rock and Robert's Island, which is the last we shall see of the Marquesas group. We obtained a considerable fresh supply. Twenty-six hogs - forty fowl. 2000 cocoa-nuts for the hogs to feed on. plenty of bananas and plantains bread-fruit, Papias, a few pine apples and a few sweet potatoes. The milk of a young cocoa nut is delicious and



Minnie and myself have quite a feast with it -  
 he also obtained a few sour oranges - there were no sweet  
 ones to be found. I hoped to get some Lemons but was  
 disappointed. Capt. Damian sent me two bottles of  
 Lime juice which was very acceptable, as I do not  
 like to drink clear water now - it is so warm and poor -  
 24th Crossed the line today for the fourth time since  
 leaving home.

25th Fifteenth month of our voyage expires today -  
 nearly half perhaps.

26th. Saw Black fish lowered the boats for them and they  
 disappeared. Succeeded in bringing one little porpoise to  
 the ship saved the tender coin for sausage cakes and gave the  
 remainder to the boys - The last of Minnie's pigeons has  
 flown - we missed him tonight. Had been walking around  
 by himself for several days we were sorry to part with him -

27. Quite a strong breeze. Killed a hog in the afternoon -  
 March 4th Have had strong trade winds for several days so that  
 we have made rapid progress in our passage, are about three  
 days sail from Maui, which is to be our stopping-place.

6th Saw a sail which appeared to be going to Hilo. Saw  
 the Island of Hawaii about noon - Saw another ship in the  
 afternoon. Saw Maui in the evening.

March 7th. Lay to a few hours in the morning waiting  
 for day-light to go through the passage - Arrived off the  
 harbor about nine o'clock. Soon the custom house officer  
 came on board, and shortly after we anchored, making  
 the 13th, Kalahele in port. After dinner Samuel  
 went on shore to get letters if any were to be found.  
 I remained on board as I did not care about going  
 ashore on the Sabbath. About 4 o'clock I returned  
 bringing letters for Mr. Nickerson only - I was greatly  
 disappointed, although I heard as much as we were  
 in several weeks earlier than we anticipated when  
 leaving the Islands. He told me that Mr. & Mrs. Bigelow  
 with Lizzie were impatiently awaiting our arrival and I  
 must prepare immediately for the shore as the wind  
 had commenced blowing and it would be so rough probably  
 the next day that I could not land if I wished.



So we were to pass another day on ship board, when the pleasure of female society has proffered me and the meeting with friends whom I had learned to love and respect. I speedily finished my preparations and we were soon on our way to Mrs Bigelow's, which will be our home for several weeks. Found them seemingly very happy to see us. Was sorry to learn that Mr Gilman had left about a week previous for "the States" where report says he is bound in search of a wife.

It appears very natural to stop at the old Strain cottage again. Mr & Mrs Bigelow have broken up housekeeping in their old establishment and keep Mr G's house open for the accommodation of Captains and their families during the shipping season. After that season is past they Mr & Mrs B. will also leave for "the States" where they intend taking up their abode, provided the change of climate will not be too much for them.

8th. The most of my acquaintances called upon me today. There have been a few added to the circle of foreign residents since we were here before - which additions are highly prized. Mrs Chandler the lady of the American Consul. The White Lady a daughter of San Francisco an assistant of Dr Dow. and Miss Chamberlain a schoolteacher, one of Mrs Bishop's children, little Charlie, has winged his flight to an eternal world since we were here before, one short year ago.

10th. Passed the day with Mrs Bishop, had a very pleasant visit. She has a little motherless child with her, two years old. Little Dora daughter of Capt Fish of the *Corea* of New London. Mrs Fish died in Honolulu where she left an infant 3 months old. Tears filled my eyes as I looked upon the little motherless Dora and thought what must have been the mother's feelings, to die and leave these little ones among strangers in a strange land. I almost longed to take her to my home and to my heart. In the evening attended with them to a prayer meeting where we met Mr Baldwin the missionary and family they were on a visit to the States when we were here before so that this is the first time we have met with them.

11th. Passed the day with Mrs Drayton. Dr White's little Mary was there to meet Minnie and they had a royal time together, playing to their heart's content.



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Our second officer Mr. Johns. has been out of health  
for some time. Yesterday he went to consult a physician  
who told him that he had a disease of the heart and the  
sooner he could get home the better. So Samuel felt that  
he must give him his discharge and he is now in the  
Hospital. He has always treated me well and I shall be  
very sorry to part with him. He has our best wishes for a  
safe return and speedy recovery.

11th This morning a Schooner arrived with the California  
mail, bringing us a number of those inkly messengers  
of love and affection from friends far away - one from  
J. P. Bourne, Lelia & Lelia Maria, one from Sarah and  
a note from Elisabeth Robinson and a note for Minnie  
from Willie, a letter from Brother George from New Bedford  
and one from Sandwich from Lissie. Not a word from  
Father, Mother, Willie or Cynthia. I know it is because  
we were in earlier than we intended, but I am extremely  
sorry. Lissie wrote that my dear Father's health was poor, but  
she had seen him much more feeble than he then was -  
I think much about him and hope and trust that he  
may yet be spared to his family these many years.  
Times have been very hard for the last winter at home  
every one has been more or less affected, but fortunately  
we knew nothing of them until they were growing  
brighter. He who kindly tempers the wind to the shorn  
lamb, has kindly given them a mild winter, so that  
there has not been so much suffering as if the winter  
had been so severe as for two winters past. I was pained  
to hear of the death of our neighbor Mrs. Swift. Her death  
comes nearer than any that has transpired since leaving  
home, and it leaves a vacancy that can hardly be filled.  
She was a kind neighbor and loved and respected by all.  
This afternoon I went on board the Addison with Minnie  
and Lissie Bigelow. We saw the young hero of Nantucket  
Capt. Long getting under weigh, and as he was returning  
in the boat she ran into the French whaler Napoleon B  
slightly damaging the latter and the former to the value  
of 8 or 10 thousand dollars, as was judged.



14<sup>th</sup> Went to church once again this morning for which privilege, I hope I am truly thankful, when at home I always liked to attend church and was never in the habit of letting trifles absent me from the house of God. Still I think I never realised what a privilege it was until since I have become a wanderer upon the sea. Mr Bishop has a small congregation and sailors generally do not attend. I do not think he is exactly fitted to their wants. To day I was made very happy by the arrival of the Speedwell Capt A. M. Gibbs, she and I were school-mates together and with what pleasure shall we renew our acquaintance in this far off island of the sea. Just before sunset went down to Mrs Braytons to see them and them well, Mrs Gibbs looked very natural but had grown to resemble her Mother very much, since I last saw her. They stopped at Fagge where they saw her Brother Thomas & wife. Brought us letters from them. They have been there several months while their ship has been out on a short cruise. Mary has another little daughter born at that place. They had no name for it unless they decided to call it Crianna which they thought some of doing as it possessed the accomplishment signified in that name to a great degree.

15<sup>th</sup> Last night the whole town was alarmed by the sound of fire which proved to be the young Hero set on fire as was supposed by some of the crew. They were helped by the crews of all the ships in the harbor, but it is still burning and they will probably lose the ship. Mrs Gibbs passed the day with us at Mr Bigelow and we passed the time very pleasantly in conversing of by gone days.

16<sup>th</sup> Last night we were awakened by the sound of "the fire has burst through to the outside of the ship." we got up and looked out of our window which commanded the whole view of the harbor and found it to be even so - it was a grand sight and still a very melancholy one - this morning it is burning with redoubled fury as I sat by my window writing looking up I have seen the three masts fall one after the other and now nothing remains but the hull. Miss M. has been in tears all the morning & makes her feel so sad to see the destruction of a noble ship. What would I give to know the feelings of the men on board.



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who could thus wantonly destroy her, can it be possible that they are enjoying it? I think not. Capt & Mrs Gills, Samuel Minnie and myself took tea with Mrs Bishop this afternoon 17th. Went on board the Spudwell this P.M. with Capt & Mrs Gills. Mrs Brayton Miss Bigelow, Minnie. I procured some books in exchange for some which I am to let her have. Had a very pleasant time, except that Mrs Brayton was sea-sick.

I had the pleasure of seeing Mr Thivrick their third officer, a Portsmouth man, and of conversing upon some matters, which is very pleasant. A hand-organ on board much delighted the children. Minnie could hardly be convinced that there was no one near to take the money. Gifford has asked his discharge today as he does not like whaling and can not feel interested in it. I think Samuel will decide to give it to him, as he will not make a whalman. I am sorry for it as a very miserable place to leave a young man, and I think he is now a likely young man with good principles.

18th The Benjamin Tucker arrived today bringing a passenger Capt Adams, Lady and a pair of twin boys who were wrecked in the Brig Francis on the coast of California. Living in a tent on the sand for four weeks before they were taken off. They are going to occupy the new house taking their meals with us. This P.M. Mrs Gills, Samuel Minnie and myself went on board the Addition to see what I had for her. He intends leaving for Calm tomorrow and Miss Chamberlain the teacher will accompany us as it is her vacation and much pleasanter on board a ship for passengers than those little station schooners.

19th, Was out this morning making my good bye calls when Mrs Chandler told me that she had just seen my husband and that he informed her that we were not to leave today as the sailors were superstitious in regard to sailing on Friday, as it was on the Friday before that the young Harold troubles commenced.

He decides to humor them as he was in no great haste. This morning the Corveta of Edgartown of which Mr Whittier is mate arrived. He brought letters for Minnie.



and myself from Sarah & Willie which were very acceptable even if we had received later intelligence from him. He said he would come up and see us if he had time before he left, which I hope he will do, as I should like much to see him and talk of his wife and Lizzie. I think much of them.

20th Mrs Andrews and children came up to the house today for the first time, she appears like a very interesting woman. She formerly belonged to Nantucket. She left our kind friends in the afternoon, after bidding an affectionate adieu to our worthy host and family who leave for the States in about a month.

21st This morning immediately after breakfast went ashore, found that Mr Butler, with whom we stopped before had failed and gone to Oregon, so were obliged to look up a new boarding-place, which Capt. Spencer very kindly undertook for us and was soon successful, in finding a room for us at Mrs Humphreys, and we take our meals at Mrs Carter's, a custom which prevails extensively at the Sandwich Islands. Capt. Hocum insisted on our going immediately to his house to dine which we accepted although it was Sunday, as I wanted to see his wife and learn of the welfare of my friends whom I had met here in the fall. Mrs Hocum has failed since we last saw her, and I am fearful that she will be spared to her friends but a short time, her disease as she herself told me had made and was still making rapid progress. We learned that Mrs Coggeshall died in about a week after she left last fall, and in a few days after her husband left. Mrs Hocum is at house-keeping and very pleasantly situated. Minnie was delighted to see Mr Howland and Henry again. I did not get my trunks up to the house in time to exchange my clothes for church - so that I was deprived of that privilege. Samuel attended church in the evening I did not go as I did not think it best to take Minnie out in the evening, as she has been quite unwell for several days and I think has had a little touch of the boo-hoo fever, which attacks strangers almost invariably.

22nd Called to see some of my acquaintances today and have been engaged in shopping for myself and Mrs Bigelow.



We expected to leave tonight but shall not get away until tomorrow, as we have had a chain to ship, and our boat to get ashore. The present prices of bone and oil are very low and Samuel puts on a long face when he thinks of what he shipped last fall - which is so low to arrive. I met Gifford in the street today, he came from Maine Saturday and is thinking of going to California. I was very glad to see him and gave him some good advice which he took very kindly.

Capt Sutherland passed the evening with us and a Mr Smith who was with Samuel in the Eliza Adams. Capt Sutherland very kindly lent us his horse and carriage for us to ride, which we were very happy to take, but as it commenced raining very soon after our ride was necessarily cut short. Mr Smith called up to see us and presented Minnie with a very pretty fan.

28th Went out in the morning to make some calls and stopped at Mr Darnolds until Samuel called for me to go on board. It was very rough and I was glad to get on board the ship left about twelve o'clock, just before we left Mrs Carter sent Minnie a hen, of a very peculiar kind, its feathers appearing to grow the wrong way, all in a heap, she calls it Brizzle. When we arrived on board the Cooper informed us that we had six little pigs, a circumstance that pleased Minnie of course.

28th. Have had very rough weather with a strong breeze ever since we left Cuba until today, when it is smooth and pleasant. We are engaged in washing Minnie out with about as severe an affliction as she ever experienced today. She lost her Frankie, our board a doll that she dearly loved for its own sake and the more because it was grandmas Annie's. She cried for a long time and wringing her hands in the greatest agony - She insisted so much upon having black clothes made to wear, that I was obliged to get a piece of black ribbon to tie on her arm to pacify her.

29th. Had another addition to our family today of six more little pigs. The others are running about deck and are very cunning. Minnie thinks there never was anything prettier.



April 6th. We have had very pleasant weather for the last week until yesterday when we were visited by a clenching rain storm and today it is not much better, the weather is growing cooler also. We are now where Samuel thinks there is a prospect of seeing right-whales. We shall have a long cruise and sincerely hope it may be a successful one. We have some fruit left yet, although there was but very little to be procured at the Islands as it was early. Of vegetables we have sweet and Irish potatoes onions and pumpkins of fruit Bananas and oranges - we bought some delicious oranges at Cahu and Capt Freeman sent me a basket of Peaches, Capt Barber sent me a California cheese and a half bushel of figs. Mr Bigelow presented Minnie with a tin of ginger snaps and gave me two dozen tins of preserve fruits, which with crackers preserved meats cod fish and hogs, beside our common fare I think will make quite a bill of fare for the season - I also have a good supply of books and papers - and could I only have had one more package of letters from home my wants would have been all supplied. Samuel thought it hardly safe to entrust them to the care of any one coming after us, as it was uncertain about seeing them, but I can but hope that some one will bring them along. This morning we had an addition again to our family of five pigs which is rather more than we can about at this time.

11th. Nothing of interest has transpired for the last week have had rough windy drizzling weather about every day - It is also quite cool and a fire which we have now in our cabin is very comfortable as well as cheerful. Have also had an addition of five pigs which were very short time as we already had more than we could accommodate.

16th. Have had damp rough weather during the week - and today we have snow and hail squalls - at times the snow lies right merrily.

18th. Quite warm and pleasant weather, went on deck in the afternoon and had quite a promenade. How much I have thought of seeing friends far away today - and I doubt not but we have been thought of with much affection by them as they near up to the house of God - and wish a thousand times to bear them company. I passed the most of the day in reading, sometimes I write a little -



21<sup>st</sup> Foggy this morning, but soon cleared away and we have had a fine day. Occasionally we hear the cry from the Mast-head of "there, blows", but it proves to be nothing more than a hump-back or fin-back, while the kind that we are in pursuit of, remains as yet unseen and we still go on our way through the waters, a good season's work that we may go home, seems almost too much to hope for.

24<sup>th</sup>. Foggy as usual - have had no observations for five days. but we have plenty of sea room as yet. This is the Solbath, cold, dreary and uncomfortable, our friends at home have twice needed their way to the house of God, and the blessings they have there sought for themselves, they have alike sought for us, the absent, deprived of like privileges, and as their eyes are now closed in sleep perhaps they are dreaming of loved ones on the sea. I love to think that the same eye watches over us, and those dear far-away ones, and that the same arm is out-stretched over them, that protects us. We are alike under His care whether on the land or on the sea -

27, a bright day, clear and cold. have been able to get good observations today which prove us to be about where Samuel supposed. For the last two weeks we have had very smooth weather which is hardly expected here, although very acceptable.

29<sup>th</sup>. Quite a severe gale came on last night, which has blown with increasing force, through the day, attended with some rain.

30<sup>th</sup>. The wind blew very hard through the night and a part of the day. Afternoon, wind abates and clears away, quite pleasant.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cold with rain, snow and hail. considerable ice made on deck last night, and this morning Annine has a fine time getting ice and making snow balls.

Annine's "Trigge" has departed this life. probably the change of climate was too much for her. Have seen a few fin-backs to-day, which is thought to be a very good sign.



3<sup>d</sup>. This morning we heard the pleasing sound of, Sail! C! which assured us that we were not alone upon the ocean.

After tea we spoke the ship which proved to be the Champion of Edgartown. Capt. Coffin came on board and passed the evening with us. We have decided to keep together for the present - as it is of more pleasant to go in among the ice with company than alone and unprotected.

4<sup>th</sup>. A heavy gale which continued for the day - the Champion quite near us. Both saying so.

5<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant weather, Capt. Coffin came on board and passed the day with us. Had a nice time. He brought the daguerrestypes of his wife and boy for me to see. Saw two ships in the afternoon bound to the North East did not speak them.

6<sup>th</sup>. Saw several pieces of floating ice today, the first we have seen. It cautions us to be careful. It is well for us that there is so much daylight, the sun rises about three o'clock in the morning and sets at nine in the evening. That there is only an hour or two of darkness. We are bound to the coast and from thence to follow the ice along to Cape Thaddus.

7<sup>th</sup>. Another gale but quite a comfortable one, as the ship lay very steady. Minnie has been quite unwell for several days with a severe cold, head-ache ear-ache and throat-ache - she and Samuel had a touch of the "Boo-hoo" fever after leaving the Islands to which most foreigners are subject, otherwise she has enjoyed excellent health since leaving home.

8<sup>th</sup>. The coldest day we have yet experienced, ice made on deck quite fast. About three o'clock P.M. raised two sails, soon after raised two more, and presently one alone. They were all to the windward and we spoke none of them, our consort is quite near us. After tea he lowered his boat, and made us a call. It seems very pleasant and home-like to have him call so often. He killed two hogs today.

9<sup>th</sup>. The Champion the only ship in sight in the morning, about 9 o'clock raised two more. but no whales yet - seen or heard of.

10<sup>th</sup>. In the afternoon Capt. Coffin came on board nearly near enough Saturday to one of the ships so that he could reach her name, which he found to be the Majestic, just from home.



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12<sup>th</sup> Sept. headed in through the night in the morning found ourselves among the ice among ships. The Addison with her consort decided to run along a little farther and see what was to be seen, as there were three ships farther in the ice, and one had her boats down. Soon afterwards the Champion repented and turned back and we kept on alone. After dinner we saw a "Muscle-digger" which we suppose to be the same one that the boats were in pursuit of. Spoke the "Gay Head" Capt Lomen came on board and made us a short call. I was very glad to see him, as I saw him on Kodiak last season. There are 10 ships around us, of which are the Marango, the Omega of Edgartown, America John & Elizabeth, and two French ships. I was very glad to hear of the Marango being so near. I hope we may have an opportunity of seeing the Skinner, also seeing our neighbor Mr Whittens in the Omega - as it was thick and coming on to blow we all started to clear the ice.

13<sup>th</sup>. This morning found ourselves near the Champion again. The wind blew quite a gale last night, and it is thick and foggy today.

14<sup>th</sup>. Another blow last night and thick today. No ship in sight, quite a snow storm in the afternoon.

15<sup>th</sup>. Clear and cold. are working our way towards the ice. Ball saw a ship and saw some floating ice. After tea spoke the ship Soule Milo, Capt Soule came on board. He is a sperm whaler - 30 months out, has 900 sperm and 600 whale. had not received a letter from his wife during his absence. had been in no place that he could get papers or news from the States, had seen no ships and was as he said ignorant of every thing that was going on. I looked him up all the late papers that I had, which I presume were very acceptable. At 9 o'clock three other ships were in sight.

16<sup>th</sup>. We are again in the ice, there are quite large pieces floating about and long pieces of field ice that has not been broken up, but they say there is but very little depth to it for this season of the year and every thing is far indicating a mild season. We have heard of



no one as yet getting a whale although Capt. Lown reports  
 that one of the French ships had seen two. I hear that the  
 Spedwell is around us. hope you may be so fortunate as to  
 fall in with her occasionally. Six ships in sight this morn-  
 the Milo close by us. About six o'clock a real "Bow-head"  
 was raised and three of our boats, beside several from  
 other ships went in pursuit of him, but he went under  
 the ice and disappeared. The sight of the creature  
 pleased them wonderfully - even if he was not to be taken.  
 17th. The good old Addison has taken a Bow-head, the  
 first that we have heard of being taken. The boats  
 were down from several ships near us - and so we thought  
 our boats might as well be down also, even if we could  
 see nothing. Our boats had not been down more than  
 ten minutes before the whale came up between our  
 Bow-boat - and a boat from another ship. They both  
 started for him, but our boat, having the best chance,  
 struck, he ran under the ice soon after they fastened  
 but our brave crew were not going "to give him up so."  
 The two boats went around on the other side of the ice -  
 to lance him and send him back - which they finally  
 did, after having quite an exciting time. Mr. Nickerson  
 got out of his boat and went on the ice to try to shoot him -  
 while another boat's crew, from another ship, landed and  
 snow-balled the whale - probably wounding him severely -  
 an officer from the Milo wished an opportunity of greasing  
 his lance, which they afforded him. The Saratoga, Milo,  
 John A. Elisabeth, Gay-head, Napstie and two more are  
 close by us - most of them been chasing all day without  
 success - Spoke the Milo this morning - we have  
 had very delightful weather for three days past -  
 we hope it may continue. This P. M. all hands have  
 been busily engaged in cutting him in.  
 18th. The Gayhead took a whale at 10 P. M. last evening -  
 Samuel went on board the Milo in the morning  
 to procure some cutting spades if possible, Capt. I.  
 sent Minnie a jar containing about two quarts of  
 raspberry jam which was very nice, sending to



procure what he wished, he went on board the "Saratoga", Capt. Glozier sent us some fresh dates, different from any that I ever saw. In the afternoon he went on board the Majestic where he was successful.

About 4 P.M. saw a Bow-head, boats from all the ships went in pursuit of him, but he made his escape by going under the ice. Five ships have been added to our company today, two of them have been reported as the Caravan and the Marengo. We have the most delightful weather I think that I ever experienced, still clear and comfortably warm, 19<sup>th</sup>. A thick fog so thick most of the time, that we could not see a ship's length, which considering our situation so small a place to work in and so many ships, <sup>was rather unpleasant</sup>. The other three ships that we saw yesterday, were the Champion, Hudson and the Barge Fortune, the boats from the most of the ships were off this morning, and it seemed very lively to hear the horns and the guns informing the boats of the whereabouts of their respective ships. Our boat spoke the Marengo, and we received the compliments of Capt. & Mrs. Skinner. The Majestic got a whale last night, so that there are now three ships boiling, we are nearly through now, one whale turned out to be rather a poor one, but "small favors thankfully received". Several ships are now on their way in where we are. The whale made 67 bls.

20<sup>th</sup> Quite clear and cold. The James Mawry Capt Barry is quite near us, came in last night. Capt. Glozier made us a short visit in the morning. He gave him a piece of fresh pork and three little pigs.

About noon the ships began to work in the ice, and after going through several fields of rotten ice, found ourselves in clear water again. We are surrounded by ice, but have a large place to get about in, are nearer the land than we were before. Saw a ship at a distance which appeared to be cutting in. Capt. Glozier spoke the Speedence about a week ago, he thinks she is one of the ships in sight.



21<sup>st</sup>. Had quite a hard snow-storm which lasted all night - thick and cloudy this morning. Spoke the ship which we saw cutting in yesterday, which proves to be the Barge Fortune Capt Addison, boiling, another ship near us which we supposed to be the Rambler. In afternoon found it to be the Mary of Edgartown, a bow-head was seen in the forenoon and boats from all the respective ships went in pursuit of him, the Majesty's boats were the fortunate captors, so that she now numbers two whales. Our boat spoke the Omega while out and Mr Whittens sent his respects to us.

I hope he will be able to come and see us. Had quite a severe snow-storm for most of the day - In the afternoon a gale came up, and lasted for several hours, there is not much sea here while we are surrounded by ice, so that we lay very still. The Omega reports one whale -

22<sup>nd</sup> Boats were off once but without success. After tea Samuel went on board the Omega and Mr Whittens came here to see us, bringing the daguerotypes of his wife and Lissie. Had a very pleasant call from him. It seems very pleasant to see and converse with any one who knows my friends, even if they are personally strangers to me.

23<sup>rd</sup>. Another whale belongs to the Addison, took him alongside about two o'clock and they are now engaged in cutting in. The Gay Head appears to be engaged in the same manner. Sixteen ships in sight.

Cold and rather cloudy, but very smooth. Yesterday we took a seal. The size of it surprised me very much but I am told they are to be seen here very much larger, this was the size of a large dog. They are very ugly looking creatures. I have seen many small ones.

24<sup>th</sup> A strong breeze in the morning, commenced boiling in the afternoon moderated. Eleven ships in sight. Gay Head close by us. Saratoga came down to us and Capt Hoon came on board for a short time. Soon after he went back to his ship they raised whales lowered their boats and succeeded in taking one, to the satisfaction probably of all concerned.

The Caravan took one yesterday also, and there is a Barge boiling in sight. Delightful weather, smooth and clear.



25<sup>th</sup> A fine morning still and clear. The boats have all gone in the ice to look for a whale. Ships around us in all directions, seven of them boiling. Boats returned about two o'clock having seen nothing. Afternoon spoke the ship *Amurice* Capt. Bryant, one whale season. After tea Samuel took Minnie and went on board the *Gay Head* to make a short call. Minnie had a fine time and came back very much delighted with her visit.

Eighteen months of our voyage expires today.

27<sup>th</sup> Samuel and Minnie went on board the *Saratoga* this morning. Stowed down our oil today 95 bbls.

28<sup>th</sup> The ships are all going out of the ice to get into the land at the Eastward as it is an open sea there and beat one way up towards Cape Thaddeus. Land plain in sight. Minnie has dreamed of seeing Asia several times and now she has a view of the coast. Eleven ships in sight.

29<sup>th</sup> Capt Sanborn of the *Omaga* came on board and passed the most of the day. In the afternoon lowered the boats and sent them in the ice to look for a Bow-head. Saw plenty of walrus on the ice and in the water. The waist boat killed one but he was so large they thought it would take too much time to tow him to the ship. so they cut off his head and left his body on the ice. they judged the weight to be about 800 pounds. the head is a very frightful looking thing, but has a splendid pair of tusks.

Towards night Capt Hocum came on board for a short time. Capt Sanborn says that a Schooner is to leave the Islands in June with potatoes and letters for the Arctic fleet. I hope it may be even so, and that ours may be of the number.

30<sup>th</sup> A thick fog. the horns were going through the morning quite merrily from the ships around us. Afternoon cleared up. Samuel went on board the Bremen Brig *Antilla* thinking we might obtain some late papers from the Islands. but she left about the time that we did, as they were all Dutch on board, he made rather a formal call. 15 ships in sight.



3<sup>rd</sup> Quite a strong breeze, and a thick fog. a number of ships around us, but they cannot be seen unless they are close by us. Spoke the Mary, Capt. Jenks in the morning.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1858. Now I wish I could enjoy this month at home, by far the most pleasant of the year to me.

Our little village at this time presents a delightful appearance to my imagination, the earth that a little while ago was barren and desolate, has laid aside her mantle of snow, and put on a robe of richest green. — the trees that spread out there naked arms, have adorned themselves with new foliage, while the whole air is fragrant with flowers and redolent with the songs of the birds. A thick fog still. Samuel went on board the Omega, and took tea with Capt. Sanborn.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Foggy still. Ships all around us. but nothing going on except gamming. That appears to be the order of the day.

3<sup>rd</sup> A thick fog. Spoke the Milo in the morning.

Samuel went on board for a short time, found Capt. Green of the Rosseau there. Milo had taken one whale Rosseau, nothing. As Samuel went away he told me to prepare myself for a gam, for when he came back, he was going to hunt up the Marenzo. as she had been in sight in the morning. I needed not a second invitation, but prepared Minnie and myself accordingly, though half doubting whether we should succeed in the attempt.

He came back, and it cleared up so that we could see the M. a short distance from us. He went on board and passed a very pleasant day. with Capt & Mrs Skinner. this is her third voyage North, quite an experienced sailor, while we were there the Wm C. Mz. spoke the Addison and finding we were on board the Marenzo he went there too. Samuel found an old ship mate in Capt. Dowle, and they were very happy to meet. In the afternoon Capt. Sanborn of the Omega came on board and we had quite a merry time. The Captains decided that it was worth one whale to see two ladies together. The



Marengo has taken nothing as yet, and the *Wm C. Stye* one whale, the *Omega* a fin-back which yielded about thirty barrels. Just before we left the *M.* the wind began to breeze and blew quite fresh for the night.

4th. A strong breeze and thick fog. four ships near us. I forgot to mention that Mrs Skinner and myself made an exchange of articles that we most wanted. I wanted a skein of red sewing silk very much, (I had a plenty that was too light) which she could supply me with, while she wanted a skein of blue yarn, which I had for her. She presented us with another lot of those Magdalena Bay figs. I venture to say that we fare much better for figs than though we were at home.

5th. Rather thick today, but the wind has moderated. Land has been in sight for the most of the day, the shore along Cape Thaddens. we were about twenty miles from the land at one time, but it was so very high, it appeared as if it were not more than three or four miles off. We want now to get the other side between Capes Navarin and Thaddens where the whales are supposed to be, as soon as the weather clears. After tea spoke the *Christopher Mitchell*, Capt Manchester came on board and stopped until sunset, which was about ten o'clock. He had a letter on board for his Cabin-boy - eighteen months old. but he said it would be news to him as he had not received a letter this voyage. He has been in the Indian Ocean heard of Capt Frank Smith wanting two whales to fill, so I presume he is with his family by this time.

6th. Foggy as usual and a strong breeze. We were all surprised and pained this morning to learn that Minnie's little kice Billy was found dead in his house. we think he must have had a fit, as he was well to all appearance last night. It was a sad thing to Minnie for she dearly loved him, and indeed he was a great pet with us all. P.M. the weather appears to be clearing and more settled. Hope we may have it pleasant tomorrow as I have been waiting some time for a good washing-day.



7th. Clear and bright have done a large washing and feel well satisfied with my morning's work.

We are between Capes Havarin and Thaddens, off the Bay of "Archangel Gabriel" the name laid down on the chart - a very singular name for a Bay to say the least. 5 ships in sight but we are disappointed in not seeing the whales.

About 8 o'clock P.M. saw one whale and lowered the boats without success.

8th. Lowered the boats three times for one whale, but they could not get near him. Two ships in sight. Samuel is quite undecided where to go now. He had calculated upon seeing ice and whales off Thaddens. We are now looking around for ice, thinking if we find it, we might find whales at the same time. About 8 o'clock spoke the "William A. Henry". Capt. Grinnell came on board and stopped until 10. Just as he left in his boat a thick fog set in which shut his ship from our sight.

9th. A pleasant day but no whales. Two ships in sight. Wind ahead and we are beating our way again towards Thaddens. as the ice is so thick in the sea that it is impossible to get through it.

10th. Spoke the "Christopher Mitchell" about four o'clock this morning - did not gain as there was a strong breeze. Had quite an unpleasant day, foggy and windy.

11th & 12th. Same as 10th, with some rain.

13th. The fog has left us but it is cloudy. We are near the ice to the Eastward of Thaddens. Eight ships in sight. passed a clipper Barge this morning. Yesterday I had a severe attack of sick-headache which lasted me through the day. I was never troubled with that complaint until quite recently and I find it anything but pleasant. I lay it to drinking chocolate in the morning and am resolved to give it up for the present, to see what effect it will have.

Afternoon. We have had some rain since morning and quite a strong breeze. Spoke the "Omega of Fairhaven". Capt. Wharton came on board, but as we were going in opposite directions his call was short. He has left his wife at St. Albans this season in company with eight Captains Ladies. I suppose they intend having a nice time but I accompanied Samuel that my little family might be ac-



unbroken one and nothing but sickness will cause me to change my views.

14th Calm, warm and some part of the day foggy. Came up to very heavy solid ice in the afternoon. When we first came up here every one said they never saw such thick open ice so early in the season, and it was when we first saw it, but all that we see now is uncommon, thick for the season, it must have been a severe winter. According to appearances it will be some time before any one gets through into the Straits. No ship in sight today, the first day for a long time that we have been alone.

15th Calm and a strong breeze, we are near the land several ships in sight. Some parts of the day foggy. After tea P.M. spoke the Christopher Mitchell, Capt Manchester came on board and spent several hours with us. He has taken nothing as yet and is getting rather downhearted, he brought me some tamarinds which he put up from Lombok New Holland - which were very nice. Head of the Speedwell having two whales he told us also of the ship Eliza F. Mason that he spoke several days ago when the Captain had his wife on board and a little infant, that was very delightful news for Minnie to hear, and I presume she will keep a sharp look-out for the E. F. M., 16th Foggy in the morning, P.M. cleared up eight ships in sight.

17th A bad accident happened to us this morning in a thick snow storm we hit a lone cake of ice no one saw it, neither had any been seen during the morning, we were not aware that there was any within six miles at least. The first thing I did was to get Minnie up and dress her, we were at breakfast and I generally let Minnie sleep in the morning as we breakfast early. I was very calm and composed while dressing her and was ready to collect my things preparatory to leaving the ship as I expected we should be obliged to do. The ship was stove some on her starboard bow, causing her to leak a little but Samuel



thinks when he can get up to the land into a Bay where we can anchor to repair her a little it will be perfectly safe to continue on whale-ground for the season. Capts Freeman of the *Gybe* and Smith of the *Fabius* were on board during the day and they considered that it was perfectly safe to do so. I believe I am truly thankful that it is no worse - and I retire to rest with a feeling of gratitude that the *Addison* is still my home. There are plenty of ships in sight and I know that I should suffer for nothing. But for Samuel's sake especially am I thankful.

18<sup>th</sup>. The noise of the pumps kept me awake through the night. She does not leak much. But we are anxious to get into the bay. But when the ice will let us. But we have found no opening as yet. I can see that it worries Samuel very much. I am extremely sorry that any such thing should have happened as he has been so careful all the season - but it was no fault of his and I try to comfort him all I can.

19<sup>th</sup>. In the morning Samuel went on board the *Conaga* to get some spikes and boat-boards. When he returned Capt Whelon and Capt Manchester of the *Christopher Mitchell* accompanied him. In the afternoon spoke the Russian Capt Greene came on board and afterwards spoke the *Spennell*. Capt Gibbs came on board but did not bring his wife as they had company and he thought we had enough but wished us to go there. Samuel did not care about leaving his ship, and I did not want him to as Mr. Nickerson was away. I felt very much disappointed and tried to persuade Capt Gibbs to go back after her but it was useless. He could hardly understand it - but perhaps she can satisfactorily explain it when I see her - at any rate I have been anticipating seeing her all the season and she has done the same.

20<sup>th</sup>. A very heavy sea today. We have found another small leak which they have been trying to stop and have been quite successful. This P.M. she does not leak as much as she has done. They have also been putting canvas on the outside. I think Samuel feels easier.



Today than he has done. Signalled the Taratoga this forenoon - and spoke the Gybe in the afternoon. Capt Freeman has one whale this season - Capt Smith nothing. Capt Manchester nothing. Capt. Greene do. Capt Whalon one whale. Capt Gibbs has taken three. 21<sup>st</sup>. A very heavy sea and quite a gale, I felt anxious not knowing how our ship would stand such a heavy sea, but she withstood it bravely. Leaks no more than in a calm. Spoke the Gybe again today. No gunnery as it was too rough.

22<sup>nd</sup>. The wind and sea has abated and we now have a thick fog - three ships in sight. About tea time spoke the Ocmulgee of Edgartown. Capt Greene came on board and passed the evening. He is a New London man and is well acquainted with Thomas, Mary and her mother's family - I like to see every one that knows persons with whom I am acquainted - He has been on Goddard this season and just arrived here, has taken nothing.

23<sup>rd</sup>. The Ocmulgee, a Frenchman, and one other ship have gone in the ice, and it being for the most part of the time a thick fog. I cannot deem it not advisable to follow them. So we are now rendering our way back toward Thaddeus again where we suppose most of the fleet are.

24<sup>th</sup>. All day we have been as it were alone upon the waters, not a ship to be seen. It seems very lonely now, to be alone, after seeing so many ships.

We do not lack but little now, when we can get in the bay, to patch up on the outside a little we think we shall get along nicely.

25<sup>th</sup>. Saw a ship and a Barque. After tea they came down and spoke us. Capt. Brownson of the Barque Baltic and Capt. Barbour of the Benjamin Tucker came on board and passed the evening.

26<sup>th</sup>. Captains Barbour and Brownson came on board and passed the day with us. Capt Barbour brought me a box of figs and a bag of raisins, and Capt Brownson brought me two jars of preserves.



He also procured two late papers from them, a New Bedford paper of February 5th and a New York paper of March 6th. He has more favorable news in regard to "times" than when we left the Islands - the boat which we sent home by the John Land had arrived safely - but no sale for our oil had advanced in price, furs had not then arrived. per Harriet & Jessie, I trembled when I took up the New Bedford paper to read to read the record of deaths - but I found no dear name to me therein recorded.

A thick fog still prevails, and appears likely to continue for several days yet to come. Neither of the ships have taken anything this season.

26th Foggy still - three ships in sight.

27th Cloudy but not thick, Cape Bhering in sight, also six ships. In the morning there was one quite near us - which Samuel thought to be the Eliza F. Mason, and as Capt Smith had his wife and child on board I anticipated a game. He drew quite near together by noon, and as it was nearly calm, we concluded to get in the boat and go to them immediately after dinner, when Minnie and myself were fully equipped with our bonnets and cloaks on, all ready for a start. We made the discovery that it was the French ship Cantincomb.

Samuel concluded to go on board and to make up for Minnie's disappointment, he let her go with him. They returned about tea time and Minnie was highly delighted with her visit, they dined on board at four o'clock and came back immediately after dinner which occupied an hour and a half. Minnie brought home a dozen New Zealand apples, some fancy pictures, and a live kitty - which she has named Loda after her kitten she left at home - Capt Sabaste is just from New Zealand has taken no oil this season.

28th Had a nice washing day for which I have been waiting for over a week. Five ships in sight also land.



July 1st Off the coast, near Plover Bay, where we hope to anchor and repair the ship, provided there is no ice in the bay. P.M. A dead calm, with a strong current drifting us away from the land. Samuel decided to anchor after tea, which we did in seventeen fathoms of water.

2nd, Genl Mr Chappell with his boat's crew off at two o'clock in the morning on an exploring expedition in Plover Bay. The natives were off in the morning killing Walrus; afterwards they came on board the Addison. They are rather a short thick set race with prominent cheek bones, black hair closely shaved on their heads, except a ~~small~~ their foreheads and a yellow complexion.

Minnie and myself attracted much attention from them. They were dressed in furs and skins. In the morning we were surprised to see a long strip of ice drifting with the current from the Canadian sea directly toward us. Samuel had a spar put out to protect our weak bow. But about noon a slight breeze sprang up so that we weighed anchor and went out of the way of the ice.

P.M. Mr Chappell returned and reported ice still in the Bay. Another load of Esquimaux came on board which consisted of seven men, one of which we took to be a man of rank by the attention which was paid him by the others, and one woman. She was dressed nearly like the others. Some had on coats or robes made of the skins of birds with the feathers attached. They brought off some trade, but it appeared to be impossible to make a bargain with them. Another ship anchored near us last night, which we spoke today and found to be the Benjamin Tucker. He has seen whales every day for several days. Mr Chappell saw one today while going in the Bay. Both ships are to anchor again tonight. Then we are going to see how the next bay looks. Another load of Esquimaux men and women came off about tea time. They can understand but very little English and their language



is perfectly unintelligible, another ship in sight.

In the evening Capt. Barbour came on board. He informed us of the loss of the French ship, *Napoleon*, in the ice on the 20th of May, off the Island of St. Paul. Six hundred barrels and five hundred barrels of oil taken out by the *Braganza* and the *Heracles*, had 1200 on board. A boat load of natives came off towards night consisting of men women and children they left about 9 o'clock but could not find the shore on account of a thick fog which set in about the time they left. In the course of the night two other boats came off. Their boats are made of a wooden frame and covered with skin.

3<sup>d</sup>. A thick fog and a heavy swell along shore. The *diagon* on anchor a little in the morning but helped that very soon by giving her more chain and fixing the yards. 2 ships in sight, one proved to be the *Eric* Capt. Jensen came on board for a short time to get information. He thinks there must be plenty of whales here by and bye - says he has seen hundreds at the South working North since we last saw him two weeks ago. He are laying off Marcus Bay. When the fog lights up a little it looks as if there were ice in the bay. There is one other bay around the Point which Samuel will try next, and should there be ice there, I suppose we must wait patiently until it leaves one of them. A strong breeze sprang up in the forenoon - 4 o'clock P.M. Saw a large body of ice coming down toward us. So were obliged to weigh anchor and go to sea. Shall lay off and on through the night.

4<sup>th</sup>. Lay off and on through the night a thick fog and strong breeze land on one side and ice on the other. Samuel was up for the most of the night. The same weather the most of the day. It will be a great relief to us all when we can get in and repair the ship. She does not leak any more but we feel anxious in a gale of wind and a heavy sea, not knowing how much she will bear.

This trouble with the absence of whales means upon Samuel. He grows thin and has lost his appetite, but it may be that all will turn out right in the end. We have heard of but three



that have taken three whales and but a few that have  
 two. It has been thus far a very dry season and the whales  
 it is supposed have been in the ice where ships could not  
 go. It is about time for the ice to break up now, if it is  
 to break up this season. The 4th of July today and the  
 Sabbath. How different our situation from our friends at  
 home. A gale of wind, with ice and rain to avoid, the ice  
 probably would be a refreshing sight to them, probably the  
 celebration of their coming off will take place  
 tomorrow. We had a turkey stuffed and roasted  
 with wild ducks, which are very plenty here. Perhaps  
 tomorrow we may catch a whale. Spoke the B. Tucker in  
 the afternoon. Tennant went on board to tea. As it cleared  
 away a little, they decided to start for another day.  
 5th Thick and foggy though the night they got off and on  
 under short sail. Lost sight of our consort until about  
 noon, when it cleared up a little and we found him  
 anchored about two miles from us. Several ships in  
 sight some of them anchored at various places  
 along the coast. The Russian passed very near us.  
 As it cleared up the B. Tucker weighed anchor and  
 we proceeded together along around the point to  
 look for Mysinka Bay as it is called, which is the Esquimaux  
 name for "good". We were obliged to pass through a  
 little ice, which was very thin, but we have now  
 arrived safely at the desired harbor and are snugly  
 anchored. And tomorrow morning shall commence  
 operation. Hope we may find it no worse than we  
 fear. Another ship entering the bay tonight.  
 A canoe of natives have just arrived and I will  
 leave off to go up and see them.  
 6th Commenced breaking out and arranging matters  
 preparatory to repairing the ship. Procured a carpenter  
 from the B. Tucker and carpenter and Blacksmith  
 from the same ship who is anchored near us.  
 But they have got her out of water as much as possible on the  
 barboard beam so that our position on board is not very  
 comfortable. I have had invitations to go on board the



other ships, but I think I can stay here very well. Capt. Barber and Curry were on board all day. We have had fine pleasant weather through the day but all outside the bay there is a thick fog-bank. I would hardly believe there could be such a difference. The James Henry has taken two whales this season.

7th About 10 o'clock in the morning they awoke Sammie by telling him there was plenty of ice drifting toward us. He immediately got up and went on deck and found that the ice was too heavy to drift through and we must get under way. Which we did also the B. Tucker. The James Henry lay still as he could clear the heavy ice. After the ice had passed and we saw no more coming we concluded that was the last instalment and decided to go back and anchor again as we were in no condition to go to sea, as we were keeled over to one side very much and down at the stern. When we were in the ice we slipped our anchor and when we went back after getting through the ice we recovered it again. We had a fine day this day. Capt. Barber came on board and invited Minnie to go on board and dine with him on roast turkey. Which she was delighted to do. About noon the Caravan, Capt. Bragg, came in and anchored. Minnie returned about four o'clock with a bouquet of beautiful flowers which she plucked from the shore, having been there with Capt. Barber, Curry and Bragg. She visited the Esquimaux in their huts, which were poles set up and covered with skins. Their winter residences are underground. They were cooking a piece of walrus meat in oil. While she was there they offered her a piece which she declined. They think much of her, the little children that come on board run about with her, the children even infants are dressed the same as their parents. The females wear loose pants "a la Bloomer" and the males wear tight which is the only difference perceivable in the dress of the two sexes. The men have their hair shaved on their heads except around their foreheads - and the women have theirs cut short around their forehead and two long braids behind.



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They wear no covering on their heads, but the other  
parts of their bodies are well covered wearing two or  
three sets of skins. Their wants consist mostly of tobacco  
and Rum, they caught Minnie's name, and would  
call to her any time she came near them.

"Minnie, Sitopa" which means tobacco, "Minnie,  
Rum-Minnie" "teta" which being interpreted  
signifies needles. She would not allow them to  
kiss her if she could possibly avoid it, which they  
all wanted to do and many were the struggles  
which she had to get away from them and  
sometimes in vain. As for myself I was obliged  
to come forward when they were on deck or I should  
have had the cabin filled with them. They would  
come to the gangway and cry out "Woman Woman  
Woman". I would like to have gone ashore with Minnie  
and the Capt. Capt. Barbon said he would have  
called for me had he known how it was ashore  
but he thought it might be risk. He has invited me  
to go with him tomorrow which invitation I shall  
be happy to accept.

5th. About 9 o'clock last evening we saw ice again  
coming towards us. We took up our anchors and  
tried to get under way but as it was a dead calm  
we found it best to let go again, for if we drifted  
with the ice there was danger of going ashore.  
The first flow of ice that came to us was not bad,  
quite thick but considerably broken up. After that  
it came on pretty bad. We were obliged to have men  
out on the ice cutting our way along until we came  
to a field that it was impossible to get through.  
Just then there came on a slight breeze so that we  
slipped our anchor and turning around a little  
we cleared all of that except the point, then we put down  
our large anchor, and drifted through the remainder  
some of which was very heavy solid ice two  
miles in length. After cutting, ~~sawing~~<sup>splintering</sup> sawing and  
pulling with ropes we finally worked through the  
last of it about four o'clock in the morning, it was a



night of hard work and anxiety, we were afraid mostly of  
staving our ship again there was also danger of dragging  
our anchor and going ashore. The James Mawry got  
in to the worst ice she and the Caravan came very  
near running together and also going ashore.

The James Mawry lost one anchor and spoiled another  
and the Caravan broke his large one. After we  
cleared the ice we went back and recovered our anchor  
for the second time. We had but one anchor out which  
held us very well - the others had two out - and dragged rather  
more than needed. It was a serious time I was up  
and down on deck and below all night, to see how  
matters were progressing. Samuel thought I ought to go to  
bed and sleep - but I knew that I could not sleep should I go  
to bed. When I say I was on deck and below all night, I  
must explain that the nights are very different from  
our nights at home, there was just about one hour between  
sunrise and sunset, and the remainder of the time was a  
clear bright sunshine. We had about finished the  
outside of the ship, so that we could rig her up, and  
make our departure, which we were very glad to do  
not deeming it a safe place to lay - although it seems  
as if there could be no more ice to come from the  
little bays around, where we suppose it has to have  
come from - After we got out of the bay and got steady  
upright a little all hands had a watch below except  
enough to work the ship, which they very much needed.

9th. The Caravan is out of sight. Capt. Barber came  
with us and spoke the James Mawry. Off Michigmen  
Bay two canoes of natives came on board with bone and  
walrus teeth but would not trade unless we would give them  
plenty of rum. It is extremely hard to make a bargain  
with them, they are great beggars and great thieves.  
One of them offered me a piece of walrus meat cooked in  
oil, for a little cuff pin which I wore around my neck  
in a velvet. He appeared to be surprised to think I refused  
it, probably he thought it would be a grand bargain for  
me. He saw the little children gnawing on a piece of raw  
blubber with as much satisfaction as a child at home



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in hawking, dainty morsel. In the afternoon had  
a strong breeze, about tea time it moderated and  
commenced raining.

10th. Samuel went on board the Ben Tucker in the  
morning and stopped until after dinner. Mr Payne  
the Mate came on board. About five o'clock it came in  
thick and raining and we anchored in 7 fathoms of water.  
A French Ship lay quite near us. After tea Capt Barbour  
came on board and soon after we had a visit from  
Capt Blatter of the French Ship Jason 7 months out when  
he has been in the ice lost his cutter, part of his  
store, theathing and copper. He has done not leak.

The barman has lost her cutter, the Mary of Edgarton  
has got stove in the ice so that she leaks quite badly -  
her leak is nearly stopped. now unless it break out  
in some new place she leaks perhaps 8 or 10 strokes  
per hour. Heard from the South America class.

William Thompson and William Tell Nothing seen.

11th. A hard rain storm through the night this morning  
it cleared up with a North wind the first time for  
long while that we have had the wind from that quarter.  
We took up our anchor after breakfast and are now  
cruising round on the lookout for bow heads as it is  
about time for them to begin to be along here. Saw  
a plenty of Muske-diggers or Californian Greys this morning.  
Afternoon Samuel went on board the B. Tucker to see who was  
gamming with him and to learn the news. Stopped to tea  
and Mr Payne the Mate came here. 17 ships and  
Brigs in sight most of them coming down the  
Strait. Samuel learned from Capt. Sarvent that a  
number of ships had been up in the Arctic, and down  
through the Strait again as there were no whales there,  
he are pretty well satisfied that there have been but a  
very few to go through and a large body of whales is  
yet to come and they must pass this way to get there.  
In the evening Capt Barbour gammed with several  
ships on board the America she has taken nothing  
since May has 3 whales. the Jason nothing. Hudson  
1 whale. Helen also nothing and Anololee nothing.



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12<sup>th</sup> Most of the fleet we saw yesterday have gone South, but the B. Tucker and Addison have decided to stop around here for a few days and go around in the Bay. Capt. B. came on board in the morning, but it came on so drugged that he soon left us. During the forenoon we had a strong breeze and a heavy sea. Spoke the Emerald Capt. Challock from the Arctic, going South, nothing season. In the afternoon worked up in St. Lawrence Bay and found the weather very delightful. About 5 P.M. anchored in 23 fathoms of water in company with the B. Tucker and the Goethe Capt. Austin. - he is just from Thodiach with 3 whales. reports whales quite plenty there, but difficult to take. We are to send boats farther up the Bay prospecting - and oh; that they might find one bow-head, to cheer our hearts.

13<sup>th</sup> The anniversary of our wedding-day - being eleven years since we were ~~presented~~<sup>united</sup> in the holy bonds of matrimony, and eleven happy years have they been to us. Two boats left the ship in the morning we gone through the day, about 8 o'clock Mr. Pickerson returned in Mr. Brown's boat leaving his boatmen laying by a whale called a Muscle-digger, Rip-Sack Devil-Fish or Californian Grey. We had previously anchored as it was a calan and we could make nothing, but we got under way to try to beat down to where they were, as it was impossible to do so, we anchored again that we might be able to hold our own. We had Esquimaux in great numbers on board through the day men women and children. The men had a grand time running races with the children, they appeared to be quite playful. I must purchased about 80 lbs of Walrus teeth and two splendid bearskins of them. We saw two bears on a hill from the ship last night, which looked to be enormous. About 9 P.M. as it was coming in foggy sent Mr. Chappell out to Antonio's assistance with orders to leave the whale if necessary -



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14<sup>th</sup> Weather thick and foggy during the night, have  
now saw nothing of the boats. After breakfast, got out  
our big gun and fired so as to guide them to the  
ship. We suppose they stopped on board some ship  
as there were several near the whale. About 9 o'clock  
the boats returned leaving the whale anchored  
and a trap in him so that no one might climb  
him. Soon after a slight breeze sprang up and  
we got under way. Capt Barbour made us a short  
call. At 11, A.M. found the whale got him alongside  
and commenced cutting in. They do not make  
much oil, but very little helps in these hard times.  
There appears to be a great many of them around  
but they are generally found to take and more  
dangerous than other whales, often chasing and  
attacking boats. Afternoon fog cleared away and  
very pleasant. The B. Tucker hauled for Mowat-Diggs  
fastened to a cow and calf. The latter sank. Samuel  
went on board at 8 P.M. and stopped until 10. The  
B. G. got his whale alongside about that time. We are  
now in what they call Bowhead Bay, nearly off East  
Cape, and in sight of the Diomed Islands which  
are situated nearly in the centre of the Straits. Shall  
not anchor unless it comes in thick.

15<sup>th</sup> Capt Barbour came on board in the morning,  
is not as well pleased with his whale as he expected  
to be. It has turned out to be a dry skin and he  
will be under the necessity of throwing it all away.  
He has had natives off in great numbers today, and if  
they could procure a piece of our blubber to eat by fair  
means or foul they devoured it with a great relish. If  
Samuel had allowed them to take it as they wished  
we should have had none left. It is sickening to see  
them. They brought some specimens of their workmanship  
off today in the shape of ivory images, which were really  
quite skillful. Both he are working down off  
Mechigmen Bay again 5 ships in sight. About tea time  
had a call from Capt. Sanborn of the Omega and Capt.  
May of the Dromo of New London, has taken no oil this



Season. The Omigee has one whale. They give the same report in regard to whales, that we have heard for some time, none to be seen. At 8 o'clock P.M. we anchored in Michigan Bay where we expect to water tomorrow. The Nassau is anchored near us. Capt. Murdock came on board after we anchored, he is getting water also. We have both sent rafts in shore tonight.

Capt. Murdock took the Captain of the French ship *Capitaine B.* which was lost in the ice off from St. Paul's island, where he went with his boat's crew, and put him on board the "Hil," a French whaler.

16th: Sent rafts in shore for water but owing to the state of the tide it could not be got off until this afternoon. One boat staying by the casks until another went to relieve them, just after dinner our eyes were gladdened by the sight of a "bow-head", but three boats off, but without success as they were going too rapidly to stand any chance of getting near them.

In the afternoon Capt. Murdock came on board, for a short time. His water they found to be too brackish to use so that he will be obliged to send in again. Ours we found to be a little brackish but as we only needed a little we can get along without being obliged to drink it. The men that were ashore brought me three baguets which are very pretty indeed. Since we have been around the land I have had over thirty different varieties brought me, it looks strangely to see them growing by the side of a snow bank. They must come forward very rapidly as their season is so short. After tea lowered again for bowheads with like success. Finished boiling today, the whale made 25 bls.

17th: Got up this morning and was told to look out of the cabin window. Saw a strange ship had come in and anchored during the night. I inquired who it was, and was told that it was the "Marengo". Well, said I to myself I guess I shall have company today. So I went to work after breakfast to clean up my cabin and make things look as pleasant as possible. As their boats were all out watering and whaling, and we had one boat on the crane, I invited Samuel to go on board and bring them to pass the day with us.



He soon returned bringing Mrs Skinner with him. But the Capt was so much interested in looking out for whales that he could not accompany her just then. About noon the Omega and three black Clippers, the Elysi F. Mason the Gay Head and the Speedwell came in and anchored in water, so that there were four Ladies in the Bay. I was in hopes that Mrs Gibbs would have come here but she may have been on board the E. F. Mason. I should have picked her up if I had not had company - and I thought they might stay there all night, but while we were at tea they got under way and came down across our stern and spoke us. He has given up all hopes of getting anything in the Arctic and is now bound South either to Bristol Bay or the Bering Sea. I hope he may be successful, but I should be sorry for Samuel to leave this region now - as there have been a great many whales seen and they must be going North some time or other, there have been a great many seen around us today, but they have been going with such rapidity that it was of but little use to have boats down although we have had two and three down all day - just before Capt & Mrs Skinner left Capt Stanton came on board and reported that he had been fast to a whale, but lost him, he also reports that there have been five whales taken in the Arctic.

18th. Skinner's birth-day - Seven years old today, how time flies. She feels quite old and has been telling me how it amuses her to think how foolish she was in her younger days when she first came to sea, for instance. There have been nine ships in the Bay today most of them came to an anchor as it is a gale of wind and outside a heavy sea. The Nassau, Omega, Marango, South America, Ben, Tucker, Gay Head, Tromo, the French ship Manche and the Addition brings up the list. After we had retired for the night, which was quite early, the Captain of the <sup>came on board</sup> Manche, to get information in regard to whales, he has not seen one for two months. Samuel got up to receive him, but he did not stop but a few minutes, as I told him that the Nassau had taken off the Capt. and



boats crew of the *Napoleon* from St Paul's and learning that he had French sailors on board which he would like to dispose of, he left us undisturbed as he was in want of men.

19<sup>th</sup> All the anchorage ships got under way in the morning except the *Omega* Capt. Sanborn. In the forenoon the *Maiengo's* boat went down after a bow-hupe which they fortunately captured and got him alongside about 2 P.M. the first whale they have taken this season. Saw the *Nassau's* boat chasing a *Muscle-digger*. About tea time spoke the *Omega* of Fairhaven Capt. Whalon came on board for a short time, he has been in the Arctic and out again like a great many others without seeing anything. Left 9 ships anchored off East Cape yesterday morning. A strong breeze through the afternoon, still increasing.

20<sup>th</sup> Lay off and on the Bay during the night but as there was a strong breeze and a heavy sea *Scammel* decided to run off before the wind and go down to Plow and Marcus Bays to see what was there.

He is almost discouraged today in regard to getting any oil, sometimes thinks he will start immediately for Bristol Bay, right whaling. I must confess that prospects look very dark just now, but may it not be in this case as in many others that "the darkest time is just before day." Anchored about

8 P.M. off Marcus Bay in company with the *Harmony* Capt. Austin. Having a terrific gale from the North. Saw seven bow-heads in short time before we anchored which looked quite encouraging.

21<sup>st</sup> Began to drag last night soon after anchoring & put down the second anchor. The wind came in squalls with great violence, but we lay very still.

It blows strong this morning but with less force than through the night. Find the *Harmony* close by us this morning. She dragged considerably through the night. P.M. the gale abated and after tea we took up our anchors and started to go around Indian Point.



which is a long low point of land reaching out fifteen or twenty miles into the sea, with huts on the point. The Harmony left several hours before us - 22<sup>nd</sup> Saw a ship this morning, quite near, we soon found it to be the Champion. Capt Coffin came on former partner, Capt G. came on board and we were very happy to see him, as it had been some time since we had either seen or heard from him. He has taken nothing this season, is feeling rather low, about these days, but "hopes better times are coming."

23<sup>rd</sup> Foggy for the most part of the night and a greater part of this day. No land could be seen and the only way we could tell where we were, was by using the lead and line. About 4 P.M. it cleared away so that we had a view of the land and found ourselves just where Samuel had predicted, off St. Lawrence head. Have seen any quantity of Muske-diggers around today and we have had four boats in pursuit of them without success as yet. Capt. Coffin informed us that Capt. Gibbs of the Speedwell has given up his intention of going South and has returned to the bay, again to look for bar-heads. May success attend him. In the evening Samuel went on board the Champion for a short time.

24<sup>th</sup> Pleasant weather with a light breeze. Several ships in sight, Champion close by. P.M. Saw the Marenzo a clipper at a distance which we could not make out. About 8 P.M. a boat rowed from the clipper and came towards us. When it came near we found it to be Capt. Gibbs and wife of the Speedwell. I was extremely happy to see them. They stopped until half past eleven and I enjoyed their visit very much. Capt Gibbs has decided to stick to the Arctic this season oil or no oil.

25<sup>th</sup> Calm as a clock, the Marenzo Speedwell Champion and the French Canoe close by. About 10 A.M. Capt. Gibbs sent his signal for us to come on board. So we nothing loth, prepared ourselves and started soon after our arrival. Capt. Skinner and wife came



and in the afternoon Capt. Coffin of the *Champion* and Capt. L. Baste of the *Cantonment*, he has taken two whales since we last saw. there has been a small cut in the Arctic Sea, but we were not there to take a share in it. The *William Thompson* took three whales which made him 500 bbls - he stands 1st on the list now. The *Christopher Mitchell* took two whales the *Battie* one, *Arctoga* one *Herules* two, The *Addison* as yet can boast of only two and a *Muscle-digger*. He had a grand visit on board the *Speedwell*, <sup>Capt Ben Gibbs</sup> it is not often that three ladies can get together. Mrs Gibbs has a pleasant cabin and fine accommodations. So after we arrived on board a ship which was near us let her signal and hauled up her mainsail for us. So we went down and spoke her she proved to be the *William Botch*. Capt. Ellison came on board for a few minutes he is just from New Zealand two years out, with about 300 bbls of oil. He said he saw a little girl on the house, so filled his pockets with oranges for her. I saw a piece in the "*Friend*" today on board the *Speedwell* which purports to be my testimony in regard to the influence of missionaries. I recollect of telling Mr Damon that I was very much disappointed in regard to the natives when I first arrived at the islands, they were not nearly so far advanced as I expected to see them, I did not for an instant think that the statements that were made were untrue, but that I had set my standard of excellence too high, had formed too exalted an idea of them. But said I, since I have been at the *Marquesas Islands*, and seen how low and degraded they are then, I can form a better idea of what has been done here - Well it seems that Mr Damon thought that he could make that tell in print, so has written a long piece, in which any one would infer that I was always rather an enemy to the missionary cause than otherwise. But since I had been to the *Marquesas Island* and seen the natives contaminated by missionary influence I was compelled to acknowledge that after all the missionaries had done <sup>some</sup> much good - It made me



feel very sad and caused me to shed some tears because I think it places me in a false position.

I have always been faithful to the Missionary cause - have belonged to Missionary Societies and have always given all that I felt able to, assist both Home and Foreign Missions. I have read too many books to doubt for a single moment that they have been instrumental in doing much good. Mr. Lamon must have drawn a wrong inference altogether, from the remark which I made.

26<sup>th</sup>. A strong breeze afternoon increasing three ships in sight.

27<sup>th</sup>. At noon near the land the gale moderated, quite calm in shore. Spoke the "Hil" a French Ship. Samuel went on board for a short time. Capt. Morell late of the "Napoleon" returned with him, and stopped a short time. I wanted to do something for him but he said that he saved his clothes. Samuel gave him some tobacco. We heard by him that the Javan had a boat stolen by a muske-digger, one man killed and four hurt. The America heard from with four whaling high-bo, when will the Addison have four?

P.M. The Marengo close by us Mrs. Skinner and I waved handkerchiefs. Samuel went on board for a few minutes and took Minnie with him. I sent Mrs. Skinner four cookies and she sent me some figs.

28<sup>th</sup>. Laying off and on shore. pleasant in shore and a gale of wind off - ten ships in sight.

29<sup>th</sup>. Beating up the Straits in company with six other ships. Land in sight on both sides and the centre of the Straits, America on one side Asia on the other and the Diomed Islands between. P.M. Spoke the Marengo and we ladies had another flourish of pocket handkerchiefs. Saw the Speedwell in shore cutting in a whale.

Lucky man, may we go and do likewise. We had our boats out to try even to get a muske digger, but it was of no use. Shall we get anything more this season?



30th Last night saw a low head and chase. thing, saw another this morning. they are green fish, you do not know how to make allowance for them, the boats went off some distance this morning and the whale came up after a long time close by the ship. Sometimes they will go two miles under water. So we got nothing. A beautiful morning I was on deck most of the forenoon. We passed East Cape where Augustus Burice Mr Eldridge's mate in the Awashonks who was killed by a whale. If we had known just the spot I should like to have visited it for the sake of his poor wife. But it would have been a fruitless search probably to have attempted to get through in the Arctic Ocean about noon - eight ships in all, Murengo, Specter, Addison, Phil, Callan coast, Baltic, Braganza and an unknown Barge. Pick. Spoke the Braganza Capt Jackson came on board and passed the afternoon. Had the pleasure of seeing a Barge cutting and boiling. That looks encouraging but it is not a very pleasing sight to selfish mortals who want every body to do as well as they, and no better. I burnt my face very badly to day in the sun, being on deck so much - Getting sun-burnt in the Arctic Ocean sounds rather strange but true, nevertheless.

31st The last day of July, time flies and in August now is our sole dependence, Oh that we might get some oil or thick fog and calm throughout the day. Aug 1st 1858. The same weather continues, and when long faces greet my eyes - every body is discouraged. Samuel has held out wonderfully, until now, he too has given up to the general feeling. Now I wish that I could do something to relieve them. Whales will do it, and I don't know of anything else. "A whale, a whale, a kingdom for a whale". Now I long to see pleasant looks and smiling countenances again. We have looked and searched in vain, and the rest of the fleet have done likewise, if we cannot find the whales, we cannot get the oil - the days of miracles have passed or it might be supposed to be in the power of man to make them. Of the Gopher and Bybee, Gopher has taken 100 bbls of walrus oil



and the Lybee two Bow-heads, afterwards saw a barge boiling sent to her and found her to be the Baltic, Capt Brownson, have just taken his whale in the fog the only one that he saw, this makes him three. The barge that we saw the other day cutting and boiling was the barge Emerald Capt Price, he has taken 300 bbls of California grey oil.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cloudy and raining for the most part of the day. Capt. Bryant of the Osbourne came on board in the morning. He left his wife in Mann, this season and has had an infant born there since he left. He has received one letter from her since he left containing the sad intelligence that little Mary White (Dr White's daughter) was very low with the dysentery, and that they had given up all hopes of her life. She was Minnie's little playmate at Mann and a remarkably interesting child of five years.

I sincerely hope that she has been spared to them. They have lost two children and she is their all now. Capt. Bryant has taken 4 whales this season making him 350 bbls. Have seen nothing that looked like a whale today.

3<sup>rd</sup> The sun rose clear this morning and we hoped to have a pleasant day. But the sky was soon overclouded and now it is a thick fog, and the same for the remainder of the day.

4<sup>th</sup> Foggy in the morning as usual. About noon the fog cleared away some. Calm the greater part of the day. P.M. Cloudy. Spoke two ships, the Dromed and the Majestic. Samuel went on board the Dromed to learn what he could respecting the whales. found that he had been to Cape Lisburne and as far north as the barrier of ice, and had not seen a spout. Had spoken several ships also, who had seen nothing. Capt. May has taken nothing this season. A gloomy prospect truly. Capt. M. informed Samuel that Capt. Macomber of the Majestic was very sick, and after he returned from the Dromed, he went on board the Majestic to



offer them any assistance and to express his sympathy. He found Capt. M. to be a very sick man, took no notice of any thing and was delirious for the most of the time. They think there is no chance for his life. Cause, he had become discouraged and taken to drinking until he knew not when to stop. Another warning to them the intoxicating cup. He has a son with him about ten years of age. Oh, that his life may be spared.

Minnie has been rather unwell for a day or two with a cold. Her throat is rather painful, her tonsils enlarged whenever she takes cold and are some inflamed. I trust it is nothing serious however. Heard of the Metacomban whale, and the Rossian with nothing - 5th Cloudy with quite a strong breeze, about 10 A.M. spoke the American Capt. Bryant came on board and stopped until after dinner. He has been as far as the ice barrier since we saw him and has seen "her a whale". If we cannot get ourselves it is a great satisfaction to know that others are not taking it in great quantities in this ocean at least. Is it possible that our season's work can be reckoned at 200 blb.? Samuel is more fortunate than many others, for he has no home expenses to pay. "Oh where shall whales be found."

Minnie's throat is better today. P.M. Clear and bright with a strong breeze blown to the Eastward to see what may be there for us.

6th Lay to in a gale through the day. The weather has been clear and bright. We have been East far enough and have seen nothing and are now going on what they call "compass ground." No ship in sight.

7th A strong breeze in the morning, moderate in the night somewhat. Saw a clipper Brig did not speak her. Are about on "compass ground" now but have as yet seen nothing.

8th Light wind and cloudy. About noon saw a Barge soon after spoke her, she proved to be the Harmony of Honolulu. Capt. Austin came on board and passed the afternoon. He has taken 4 whales this season, three in the ice and the fourth in May. He was blocked in the ice for an







that "a boat fast". it was sweet music to our ears.

It was a bad whale to kill. Stove the Starboard boat so that another boat was obliged to leave to bring the crew to the ship, which is rather an unusual thing for a bow head to do. No one was injured. Got the whale alongside about half-past ten P.M. May it be a precursor of many more Eighth ships in sight boiling.

13<sup>th</sup>. A change has come over the countenances of our ship's company. Notwithstanding that they were up all night "cutting in" faces long unused to smiles, are radiant with pleasure, a sight that delights me very much. Minnie was so interested, that she awoke very often through the night to enquire what progress they were making, and if I was sure that they would save him all. The Japan and the James Knapp are in sight this morning, both boiling. Landed once today without success.

14<sup>th</sup>. A strong breeze through the night, from the South, with quite a sea. Moderated some in the forenoon. Saw whales once landed a couple of boats without success. Signalled the William Thompson after that Capt Childs came on board. He is a Galveston man I had previously seen him at home, and was very happy to renew my acquaintance with him in the Arctic Ocean. He brought his wife out with him and two children, but she was taken sick with a fever before his arrival at the Islands, so that he was obliged to leave her there with one child, and he has the other on board with him, a little boy four years of age. Minnie was very much delighted to have a visit from him, the first child she has yet seen at sea. He fitted him off with playthings, eatables, stockings and mittens, which I thought he might need, with no mother to look out for him. Capt Childs has taken five whales, is boiling two now which he took a few days ago at one landing.

He heard of Lewis by him as being seen on Perdy Island in February cutting in a large whale - also that a little daughter had been added to their family. Capt Childs brought me a nice piece of fresh pork which was very acceptable.



15<sup>th</sup>. This morning early all hands were called to go out in pursuit of bow-heads, and before I got up we had one alongside, what good luck. Saw the William Thompson take one in the forenoon, also a Barque supposed to be the Helen Mary. All hands busily engaged in cutting him in P.M. two boats went out after whales but returned without success.

16<sup>th</sup>. Another whale alongside before breakfast and when that was cut in, we had another already to take in. Two boats went out in the forenoon and captured him. All hands were so busy that I took the Stewards place, down in the cabin, in getting dinner and clearing away. The William Thompson has taken another whale to day - Well we are beginning to look up a little, three whales in two days is doing well. May our success continue.

17<sup>th</sup>. Thick foggy and drizzly for most of the day. Landed one boat in the forenoon without success. P.M. Capt. Curry of the James Mawry came on board for a few minutes. He has taken five whales in all, three up here. Stowed down some of the oil that we had on deck about 60 lbs. a little land bird flew on board this P.M. which I put in my bin-cage and carried on deck thinking it might be too warm for him in the cabin. He appeared very well - but in a few hours he died, he is the second one that I have tried this season and now I shall give it up for this voyage.

18<sup>th</sup>. Rather cloudy but not foggy. Spoke the Omega, Capt. Sanborn, 3 whales this season. Saw whales this forenoon. Three boats landed one got near the whale but the boat-steer missed in cutting. Stowed down 42 lbs in the afternoon. Cloudy and drizzly for the most of the day. Saw the James Mawry take a whale today -

19<sup>th</sup>. A calm through the morning and no whales in sight. P.M. spoke the Baltic, Capt. Brownson came on board and passed the afternoon. He has taken three whales since we saw him, which makes him six the season. Towards night quite a strong breeze sprang up, saw no whales for the day.



20th A dead calm for most of the day and cloudy.

About noon it cleared up so that we saw the land - we have got out of the way of the whales and are in a different position in regard to the land from what we expected. Stowed down 100 bbls of oil. About 6 P.M. a slight breeze sprang up.

21st Experienced quite a severe gale for a few hours this morning from the South. Stowed down our oil as fast as possible, for fear that we might lose it, 117 bbls stowed down today. No ships in sight until about sunset when we raised three bailing, so we hope we have got among the whales again. We begin to have an hour or two of night now, it is not very dark as yet however.

22nd Raised whales in the morning, chased without success. Saw a Barque cutting, and a ship take a whale alongside. 8 ships in sight. 8 P.M. Have been chasing whales all day and have taken nothing; have seen them cutting in, all around us, 16 ships in sight -

We are further North today than we have yet been, nearly to Jey Cape. Our boats spoke the Sarah Sheaf today. Capt. Cooper, 7 whales this season, one in advance of us -

23rd Saw whales this morning but they proved to be muscle-diggers. 8 ships in sight and a dead calm for most of the day.

P.M. Samuel went on board the Barque Mary & Susan Capt. Stewart, he has taken 9 whales, which make him 900 barrels. He says the ships that were cutting in all around us yesterday took their whales the day before, and after the blow, there were a great many around during the gale, and that was the cause of their being so stowed up the next day. Capt. Stewart left his wife at Galeahuanoo.

24th A gale of wind from the North West, which lasted about six hours, not quite as severe as the one we encountered a few days ago. No whales or ships in sight during the day - thick and cloudy also raining some parts of the day.

25th Cloudy and some raining in the morning. The Mary & Susan close by us. How we want another whale, what can we do to obtain one. P.M. Foggy and nearly calm - no ships in sight, two bailing - stowed down the



remainder of our oil today, it makes us 598 bbls this season.

26<sup>th</sup> Raised whales early this morning. The boats went out in pursuit of them. The waist boat struck one, but the iron drew, consequently, he was not for us. A long breeze, 9 ships in sight - the James Mearns one with a whale alongside. P.M. 8 o'clock. Plenty of whales in sight during the day, but none for the addition on boats were back and forth from the ship all day. Saw the Barge Emerald take a whale alongside and a ship name unknown, the Goethe fastened but lost her whale, the same as we did in the morning. Song faces are again the order of the day. Samuel feels badly, for he thinks we ought to have had one for the chance we had. Well - we may have better luck tomorrow -

27<sup>th</sup> Boats lowered early in the morning, but the whales disappeared. Saw none for the remainder of the day except muscle-diggers. - Some rainy -

28<sup>th</sup> Saw nothing that looked like bow-heads through the morning, but an abundance of muscle-diggers visible. A number of ships in sight, the greater part of them boiling. In the afternoon raised a bow-head and sent the boats out in pursuit of him, while they were out five or six made their appearance, and we had the wonderful good fortune to capture one. We got him alongside about seven P.M. so that we had more night work in cutting in, as Samuel was to be up through the night, I took Minnie in bed with me, but as she could not come without "Billy Button" I had two bed-fellows. After we had taken the whale alongside, Capt. Soule of the Wm. B. Stye came on board and stopped about an hour, and after he left Capt. Stewart, of the Mary A. Susan, made us a call. They have each taken nine whales this season. While this one makes us seven, I wish that we had several more, but I believe I feel truly thankful for what we have done, it is so much better than we feared at one time. I think it will turn out to be quite a good season for whales to those who remained here, after all. Spoke the Milo's boats also today.



28th. A strong breeze and quite thick. 4 ships in sight in the

afternoon. No whales to be seen -

30th. Damp dark and some drizzling with a strong breeze, three ships in sight, and no whales.

31st. Pleasant the first part of the day, latter part cloudy and some raining. Nothing in sight, either ships or whales, the first time we have been alone for many days. Saw land this forenoon, about 35 miles North of Cape Lisburne. We have another shore-bird now. One of the boat-stewards caught one a few days ago which resembles very much in appearance a snipe. So of course it is not a remarkably handsome bird. But as it would eat and drink I thought I would put it in my cage to please him. I do not anticipate any sweet notes from him -

September 1st. Damp disagreeable weather, with a strong breeze, no ships or whales in sight, we have finished boiling, and it looks aridly like the last of the season. We have been eating bow head meat, for several days, made with pork into sausage-cakes, also fried, and it is really good eating, far before salt punk in my estimation. 8 P.M. Saw a ship, which ran down and spoke us. It proved to be the Milo, Capt. Porter, Samuel went on board, for a short time. He has not seen a whale since we took our last. thinks there is a general scattering of ships. They decided to steer off to the Westward through the night and try a new place.

I do not care much about going farther West, as there is a strong current, and ships are often close into the land before they dream of such a thing. Several ships have been lost in that way -

2nd. About the same weather that we had yesterday, with a thick fog, for the most part of the day. We were engaged in stowing down the oil from our last whale which amounted to 110 bbls, so that we have 700 bbls the product of our season's work, which is a good average among the Arctic Ocean fleet so far as we have heard from. After tea spoke the ship Emerald, Capt. Shallack came on board. He has taken two whales this season.



He gave us the sad intelligence of the death of Capt. Macomber, of the Majestic, which took place on the next day after we saw him. His body was committed to the deep in a few hours after his death as they were not able to keep him long enough to reach the land. I feel for his wife and family, when they shall hear the sad tidings. May they find relief and comfort in Him who has promised to be the widow's God and the Father of the fatherless. He also reported the Benjamin Tucker to us, with one whale he has not left the Arctic as has been reported in taking that whale, he had a boat stove, and a man killed. Truly, "in the midst of life we are in death." Reported Capt. Childs of the William Thompson as having picked up a boat's crew belonging to the French ship Detraquod which was fast to a whale, and lost the ship during a fog, has been with him a week, and had not yet seen the ship. Capt. Childs has taken eight whales.

3<sup>d</sup>. A thick fog until about noon when it cleared away, quite pleasant. Saw the Emerald once during the day at a distance, saw no whales. We have been very near the barrier, although we did not see it, as it was thick but Capt. Wallock says he was close by it, the day that we gammed.

4<sup>th</sup>. Spoke the Beane Baltic in the morning. Samuel went on board, she is boiling her eighth whale, she has been among whales this week, which school we missed the William Thompson took two which made him ten. Well, old Addison! this will never do for you to be so far behind-hand, you must do your best to get two more. Hauled from the Hercules, 9 whales. Nassau, 4. Japan 8. Samuel feels so poor now that he wishes he had not gone on board, but we are not the worst off by any means. May a ship's company would feel themselves to be well off if they had taken even what we have - Saw one whale in the morning, which made its appearance like a ghost and then vanished away - in the afternoon - saw another which we chased without success - As it was quite pleasant in the morning I thought I would have a washing-day, nearly a month having elapsed since my last one, and after I got my



Cloth hung out it commenced raining again, however  
 night the wind breezed up quite strong with a heavy swell  
 from the Eastward -

5<sup>th</sup> quite a strong breeze through the night with rain and  
 a heavy sea. which caused the old Addison "to reel to and  
 fo like a drunken man", but this morning it has  
 moderated somewhat, but rain and fog abounds. Saw a  
 few musk-diggers during the day and three ships,  
 but "ourie bow heads," as the Kanakas say -

6<sup>th</sup> Rainy foggy and cloudy as usual but the wind has  
 gone down. It is very seldom in these days that we are  
 able to get an observation. After tea it cleared up a  
 little so that we saw three ships.

7<sup>th</sup> A strong breeze with quite a sea during the night. this morning  
 thick and foggy about 11 A.M. saw the Finnish Maria of Honolulu  
 Capt. Brown. He ran down to us and came on board. He has  
 taken two whales this season. When he found that we were  
 to leave in a few days. He went on board to finish some  
 letters that he had commenced that he might send them  
 by us to the Islands as he would go to Marguerite Bay  
 before going in. At 2 P.M. he returned with the letters  
 and then went to the North West. Soon after we saw  
 a Barge which it proved to be the Pauline Capt. Stan -  
 after speaking Capt. Stan came on board. They report  
 a number of vessels as having gone through the Straits  
 and we shall probably follow them the first fair day.  
 The Pauline has taken five whales.

8<sup>th</sup> Started today on our way out of the straits after it lightened  
 up a little, could get no good observations. Dr. Sumner was  
 obliged to act according to the best of his judgment. I shall  
 be glad when we get safely through the Straits, although I  
 should like much to have had a couple more whales before  
 leaving. He may get one in Bristol Bay yet. As we go  
 through on our way to the Islands and shall probably  
 stop there a week or ten days.

9<sup>th</sup> We kept on last night as long as Sumner deemed it  
 safe. We sitting up until 11 o'clock then went to bed for  
 an hour or two. About 6 A.M. saw East Cape right  
 ahead which we were all very happy to see. as it showed



in our position which we had not positively known for a number of days. Came through the Straits flying, with all sail set and a strong northerly wind. We are now off St. Lawrence's Bay 7 P.M. with one sail in sight. The land along the coast looks barren, cheerless and dreary, more so than when we came in, as it was warmer and pleasanter then. We miss those long days that we then enjoyed. Now we experience quite long dark nights.

10<sup>th</sup>. A dead calm, for the most of the day we have been moving quite lazily along. Quite a contrast to the way our gallant Addition tripped over the water yesterday. Two ships in sight, one, the Japan, the other, name unknown. We heard a report a few days since that Capt. Grandvigne of the French ship "Hil," was dead, and that Capt. Maill formerly of the Napoleon 3<sup>d</sup>, had taken command of her. He was quite small when we saw him, and the report may be true.

11<sup>th</sup>. Clear and pleasant but cold, a white frost in the morning 8 A.M. we were off Indian Point, saw the huts on it, it makes off a long way into the sea and looks strangely as the land is so low. Considerable snow has fallen since we went through here on our way north. Some of the mountains being thickly covered. We experienced a slight snow-squall during the day. Saw St. Lawrence Island in the afternoon. Both ships out of sight and we are again alone.

12<sup>th</sup>. A strong breeze with squalls in the morning, we are rounding our way rapidly along. If the wind holds, we shall see Matthews or Fox's island tomorrow morning. Where we some hope to see right whales. Saw the island this afternoon, but saw nothing living around it.

13<sup>th</sup>. Slept near the land through the night and are now quite near it on the other side. Three ships were visible from aloft, but they all proved to be rocks on Pinnacle Island a small island close by the other. P.M. Saw fin-backs and two right whales going to windward. We are now bound in the direction of St. Paul's island with a strong breeze & fine weather.



14<sup>th</sup> Clear bright and pleasant. Have been expecting through the afternoon to see the Island of St. James but it has not been quite clear in that direction. We have not as yet seen it but heard the sound of "three blows" from aloft but they proved to be fin-backs.

15<sup>th</sup> Foggy through the day regular Arctic Ocean and Bristol Bay weather. Suffered to, at noon to catch Codfish but did not get a bite. Hope that we may be successful in taking a supply while here.

16<sup>th</sup> Foggy in the morning but the sun came out occasionally through the day so that we were able to get observations. Have seen neither ships nor whales since we have been in Bristol Bay. The whales cannot be where they were last year, or we should occasionally see one.

17<sup>th</sup> Saw the Comet again last night, we saw it for the first time in the Straits. Have seen it whenever it has been clear. I wonder if our friends at home are looking at the same phenomenon? This morning it is clear again and pleasant nothing in sight except one solitary fin-back. Foggy in the afternoon.

18<sup>th</sup> Foggy as usual again this morning. We are looking daily for the "line gale" which I very much dread especially on account of our ship although she is in quite good condition. I hope we may be favored by moderate breezes until we arrive in port.

19<sup>th</sup> Quite clear and calm in the morning but cloudy and some rainy for the remainder of the day. Could get no observations.

20<sup>th</sup> Calm again and some foggy. Sun came out at times through the day. Lowered a boat in the afternoon to catch cod-fish. Could get none, but afterward caught four from the ship.

21<sup>st</sup> Calm in the morning and quite pleasant in the afternoon quite a strong breeze sprang up from the South-East which was in a contrary direction from what we wish to get out.

22<sup>nd</sup> The breeze lasted through the night with some rain. A calm for the most of the day with a considerable swell and we have been "rocking in the cradle of the deep" rather more than we cared to, or than was pleasant. I shall be heartily glad when we have a good day and a fair wind to get out, for we have seen neither ships nor whales since.



we have been here, besides being in fog and calms for most of the time. The comet made its appearance again last evening, not bright however as it was rather cloudy.

23<sup>rd</sup> Calm and pleasant, not a bit of wind, when shall we have a fair wind to cross this ground, as there is nothing to be done, we all feel in haste to be making our passage to the Islands. For the last few weeks I have been engaged at times in making a black silk bag for myself after much tribulation and some tears on my part, and a few scoldings on Samuel's that I did not have it done in part I have at last completed it to the satisfaction of all concerned.

24<sup>th</sup> At 12 o'clock have spun the Eastward, and we are making the most of it in getting along toward the "Twenty-Two Passage" where we expect to go out. The good Addison ploughs her way along, right merrily through the waters, saw the Island of St. George this afternoon.

25<sup>th</sup> The breeze still continues but the wind is more to the Southward consequently not very fair, we are now about 70 miles from the passage. Twenty-two months today the Addison has been our home, and a pleasant home it has been to us, for the most part of the time. May it so continue through the voyage.

26<sup>th</sup> Raised three ships in the morning, we laid to back for the forenoon. I got up to get and saw her start to give on the wind and anchor. The ship came, Capt. Brown. Capt. B. came on board and stayed until after 4 o'clock when as it was with respect to daylight it was too dark. Raised the land about 11 o'clock and came through the passage in the afternoon so that we are now in the open sea again, and can begin to have fair weather and our passage to the Islands. Capt. B. has taken 400 lbs of oil this season, one barrel head, and several muscovadoes. I am sorry for him, he desires better success and has lost one man, a young fellow that he brought from shore with him. The other ship that we raised this morning was the French ship Le Commerce, and the Cuban Brig Victoria. Afternoon a strong breeze and a heavy sea which caused the Addison to reel and plunge as if she thought not of her precious cargo of human souls.



7th, Last night of the B. Tucker during the night we are again alone, a strong breeze and a heavy sea.

29th Weather still the same, we are getting along grandly in making our passage but it is very uncomfortable. I tremble sometimes for the ship for fear she will give out but Sammel thinks there is no danger. It will be a relief to me or other crew to get in port. About sunset the wind increased to a gale.

30th The gale continues through the night and has lasted through the day. We have been obliged to "lay to" and there is no prospect of a change as yet. This probably is the "line gale" as it is more severe than any that we have experienced.

Oct. 1st. Moderated some during the night, and this morning we have a thick fog with some rain a strong breeze still. There is one consolation, if the breeze continues we shall soon be out of heavy weather and soon in the delightful climate of the tropics. P.M. Moderated but foggy and raining - the weather is considerably warmer than it has been.

2nd Last night we had quite a shower of rain, with thunder and lightning, I heard the thunder and saw the lightning from the cabin, as I was in bed, for the first time in the voyage. This morning it is clear bright and pleasant with a mild breeze. So warm that we have no fire in the cabin and have open windows, quite a contrast to the weather we have experienced for the last several months. It seems very delightful to us all.

3rd A fine breeze this morning and we are getting all we can of it by putting out studding-sails. We have not seen much for the last two or three days. Saw a vessel this morning to the windward which we hoped might be the B. Tucker but it proved to be the Brig Victoria Capt. Fish of China.

3rd Yesterday the brig rather beat us but last night the wind hauled a little so that we beat her considerably. Fine weather and a good breeze, which suits the good ship on her way.

I have been having a regular wash-day - washing thick clothes to put up, and thin ones to take out. Hood's Toggles thick dresses to getting out and doing up sun-bonnets.

4th In the morning the brig was out of sight, but in the afternoon she appeared again having gained on us.



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This has been rather a squally day considerable rain has fallen, and every body on deck is using an abundant supply of rain water for washing purposes. Having stopped up the "skippers" they use the whole deck, for one grand wash-tub - they all, especially the Kanakas appear delighted to get in warm weather again. A fine breeze and the Addison has been going at the rate of seven or eight knots.

4th This morning we find that the Clipper Brig has beat us again. Another ship in sight. The ship came down after dinner and spoke us. She proved to be the Abraham Barker Capt. Gloeum from the Behotek Sea, three whales this season. He does not bring very flattering accounts from that region, a few ships have done quite well - but the most of the fleet are poorly off. Such news tends to make us feel quite well off - and I do feel that we have very much to be thankful for. It is so much better to go in port in our own ship than to sit with 700 lbs of oil and 10,000 lbs bone, than it would to have gone in passengers leaving the old Addison's bones in the Arctic; a fate which she very narrowly escaped. Capt. Gloeum sent us some coffee from his ship which was very acceptable as we have been without for several weeks.

6th We have again beat the Victoria, the Abraham Barker and the Addison have kept very near together for the last 24 hours. A fine breeze and the Sandwich Islands begin to look very near on the chart.

10th This is the Sabbath, a day of rest, for which I am truly glad the past has been a busy week. Washing and ironing all the thick clothing that we have been wearing for the season, then washing starching and ironing all the put clothes which are put by "rough dry" which is no inconsiderable job. Besides having the stove taken down, and cleaning in every nook and corner. It all seems to come at once, for they will now warm weather, and when that arrives we are not far from our journey's end. The Abraham Barker still comes near us, particularly with the Victoria several days since. As soon as another Sabbath, if nothing prevents we can doubtless attend church. What a privilege we shall esteem it.



12th. yesterday a sad event occurred which cast a gloom over our whole company - the death and burial of William Kalamoa a "Kainaka", he has been off duty some time, did not complain but appeared to be running down, Samuel gave him medicine and tonics, he had no idea that he was so low until they told us he was dead. he was on deck the day before - I went on deck at sunset to hear the funeral service read before he was consigned to the deep. It seemed rather aggravating after being so long from home to die as it were within sight of it. This P.M. Capt. Gloom made us another visit, the wind has not been fair for several days, we shall not be able to fetch Kani, where Samuel intended to go first and we shall have hard work to fetch Oahu unless the wind hauls - have had no trade as yet.

13th. Saw Oahu this morning, we have been going back and forth all day, beating, and are just about as near now at dark, as we were then, I thought this morning that by this time I should have been made happy or sad by the reception of letters. Another ship has come up here today in the same predicament should we stop here several days with the wind as it now is, I expect there would be quite a fleet here.

14th. A.M. Wind changeable so that we could get along but very little. P.M. Wind fair, got off Diamond Head about dark lay off and on through the night. The Mavango close by us coming from Kani. Passed the Clipper ship John Marshall. Victoria Abraham Barker and Kapiti close by us.

15th. We were off Diamond Head early this morning. Capt. Howland the pilot came on board. The Steaming is repairing some of her machinery so that we are now waiting her arrival. Capt. Gloom made us a call this morning as he went ashore. His ship says "off and on". Samuel has gone ashore to procure a boarding place for us and to get letters if there may be any for us, and I await their reception oh! how tremblingly. The Speedwell has just passed us. So we shall probably find Capt. & Mrs. Gibbs in port.



Nov 30th 1858. After a long period of silence, I again resume my writing. Left Honolulu today, after being a resident of that goodly city for a period of seven weeks, our stay was prolonged so much beyond our usual time, on account of repairing our ship which has been thoroughly done, and now we think she is in a sound condition and will prove sea-worthy. May she for the future keep clear of all ice shoals rocks and quick-sands, and bear us safely on, until we shall reach the port of Home.

Time passed very pleasantly to us while in port. Minnie's delight was unbounded at meeting with children again of her own age, which she found at Mr Whitney's where we boarded, also at Mr Damon's where we occupied a room. We formed many pleasant acquaintances especially among Captains and their ladies, at one time there being twenty-one ladies in port. Three of the ladies came in with infants, that were born at sea, in the Northern regions during the season. Mrs Smith of the E. F. Mason, has a son, Mrs Green of the Sheffield a daughter, and Mrs Taber of the Adeline a son. They are called young "bow-heads" by the Captains. We received an abundant supply of letters while in port more than we could reasonably have expected, and they were mostly filled with good tidings, with the exception of our dear niece Lelia Maria, whom we left in the full bloom of health and vigor, and who is now in all human probability, fast passing away. God help those parents, if called so soon to part with their only child. I can hardly endure the thought that we can never look on her bright face again, but there is consolation in the thought that our loss will be her exceeding gain in her young days she gave herself up to her Heavenly Father, and we trust has ever since been an humble follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. I sent letters home to all the family on both sides having an opportunity of sending by three different mails - and I can imagine how thankfully they will be received. I was so happy that we could give them good tidings in regard to health and comfort. Truly we are blessed when we can give and receive such good tidings of friends and kindred.

We had several very pleasant gatherings while in port, a meeting of the Stranger Friend Society, a party of a few friends at Mr Edwards, a very pleasant gathering of the wives and children of the Captains in port at Mr Damon's, and the most pleasant of all was a visit to the Parry as it is called, across the valley at the



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other side of the Island. The party consisted of about 20 couple, all on horse back except Capt & Mrs Hicks of the Scotland and Samuel and myself as we, Ladies, were novices in riding, we went in carriages. It was prophesied that we could not go within four miles of the "Pary" in carriages, but we were determined to make the attempt even if we had to walk the four miles. We left our carriage within a half of a mile of the place, and if we had walked the four miles, we should have been amply repaid for our labor in viewing the fine prospect before us. On our return stopped at the "half way" house where refreshments had been prepared for us by Capt. Spencer - the time passed so pleasantly with us that it was nearly dark before we separated, it was a pleasant little excursion that I shall always remember. Mr. Mickelson left us to go home, while we were in port and as our second and third officers were seasons & we have now an entire new set in the cabin. Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Huntley, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Crocker. Samuel also discharged his steward which delighted me very much, we have one now who appears something as a steward should, and we certainly find a great difference in the quality of the food which is placed before us, may it long continue to be so. George, our cabin boy has gone forward, he is a smart fellow, but it was hard for him to be washing dishes or trimming lamps in the cabin, when he might have been on deck pulling ropes or at the Mast-head looking out for whales, so when we were in port Samuel thought he would "promote" him, which he did to his great joy.

While in port Mr. Damon proposed to me that the wives of Capt. in port should contribute towards purchasing a new carpet for the Bethel Church, which was very much needed, he wished me to mention it to the Ladies, which I did with the assistance of Mrs. Capt. Swain, and succeeded in collecting about 70 \$ which will probably be sufficient for re-carpeting the church. A few days before leaving port the sound of sorrow was again borne to us from the sea, the Barque Rajah was wrecked in the Behotek Sea, the Capt, one or two officers and ten men were lost - as Mr. Damon on the next Sabbath prayed so earnestly for the wives and families of the lost ones, the thought came over me how little those far away ones realize the prayers that had ascended for them on account of their loneliness and bereavement. God be with them to comfort and protect them when the sad tidings shall reach them.



Dec 25<sup>th</sup> When I left port I congratulated myself that I had been in Honolulu for some weeks and escaped the "Boo-hoo" or "Mami" fever, to which all foreigners are subject. But my congratulations came to soon, for after being at sea several days, the "Boo-hoo" seized me and I was sick enough, was obliged to keep my bed for a week. It is said to be a milder form of the Panama fever, there is nothing dangerous about it, but it is the most uncomfortable fever one can have. Such weariness and awful aches in the bones, that it is impossible to describe. Minnie had a very bad cold, and I feared that she would have an attack of it, but she escaped. We have all been afflicted with colds almost constantly ever since we arrived in port, and they seem still to continue. For the whole season North we were not troubled at all - and it seems strange to have so many in comfortable weather. Minnie hung up her stocking as usual last night, and was fortunate in finding it quite well filled, with the usual supply of candies nuts and oranges, also a book and transparent slate from me, and a 2 1/2 gold piece from her Papa. A few days ago Mr Foreyth our mate, gave her a very pretty little spy-glass, which she said she should call her Christmas present too. We are now bound to the Coast of California, for Muscle-diggers if we can find them, and for some, after undergoing repairs, it was too late to go on New Zealand which we would like to have gone, but it may be all for the best for us to come here. Yesterday saw a ship, supposed to be a Merchantman from California, and today the Island of Guadaloupe is in sight at a distance. In a day or two we shall expect to see Cerros Island where Samuel hopes to find a sperm whale. How I wish that he might not be disappointed.

29<sup>th</sup> Saw Cerros Island but nothing around there there had life of the fish kind. There was a ship laying anchor on the back side of the island probably after guano, he should have sent a boat in shore after fish but it was very rough and Samuel did not care to stop as there were no whales to be seen.

31<sup>st</sup> Yesterday we were following down the Californian Coast today we made Magdalena Island. P.M. as we were going up the Bay saw four ships at anchor. We went as long as we could see as Samuel wishes to go farther up the lagoon to get wood, and then probably we shall come down



again, anchored at dark in twenty-five fathoms of water -  
 January 1st. 1859. Oh that I knew it was a "Happy New Year" to  
 one and all of my friends at home - that it may be is my fervent  
 wish and prayer - May our good Father have them all in His Holy  
 keeping. For the many mercies which were showered upon us during  
 the past year, may we be truly thankful and may we earnestly  
 implore His guidance and blessing on this new year which  
 has just opened upon us so fresh and bright. If prosperity attend  
 us, may we thank the giver, and if adversity and trials shall  
 be our portion, may we as truly thank Him, remembering that  
 "what seemeth evil is for our highest good".

This morning we received a visit from Capt. Chatfield of the  
 Massachusetts. He informed us that the ships that were here  
 were the Rambler, Capt. Willis and family, Capt. the Scotland  
 Capt. Weeks and family, Brigadier Capt. Chester and the Drongo,  
 Capt. May, also a potato schooner from San Francisco. After dinner  
 Mr Huntley went out in a boat ~~after dinner~~ to see what he  
 could find in the eating line, came home about dark with  
 several bushels of very nice "quahogs" and about a dozen Mullett.  
 Capt. Allen and a Mr. Salter the Capt. and owner of the schooner  
 came on board to tea with us found their company very  
 pleasant.

2nd. All the boats went out this morning Samuel Minnie  
 and myself went ashore. but as it was high tide our  
 excursion was a very unprofitable one. It is a very dreary  
 barren looking country with nothing of vegetation except  
 Caestus of the prickly-pear species which almost entirely cover  
 the ground, rendering it rather unsafe to walk without  
 extreme care. Some of them were in bloom, the flowers being  
 singularly bright and handsome, we took up several specimens  
 and procured a box of earth to put them in, hoping we  
 might preserve them. We saw while on shore what we  
 supposed to be three graves - with nothing to tell who they were  
 or how they died. I thought as I stood looking at them that  
 they probably had wives mothers or sisters, who had not the privilege  
 of sleeping in their graves; and I gazed at them with tears in  
 my eyes for their sakes. Those boats that stopped longer than  
 we did better, at low tide they procured some clams also  
 brought home some nice fish and a large turtle.



4th We are endeavoring to get farther up the channel into the "Lagoon", where the Dromo lays, the passage is very narrow and it is only at low water that the banks may be seen, at every low tide we advance a little, shall get up in the course of time. The Dromo has taken two whales, the Massachusetts two, the Rambler one and the Scotland one. Samuel wanted to get his wood before he commenced whaling, but as the whales have commenced coming in, he will probably get it as he can. Our boats today got a nice lot of fish, and a heap of birds, Snipe Curlew and plover. The Spaniards came down the Lagoon with a load of fresh beef, which they will continue to do through the season, so that we shall live on the fat of the land while here. Had turtle-soup and fried turtle steaks today which was very nice indeed.

5th Got a little nearer our journey's end today, if it had not been cloudy think we should have anchored by the Dromo as it was we went to about a mile from her. Capt May came on board last night, and they decided that it would be advisable for the Dromo and the Addison to mate - that is, to divide the whales. This morning two of our boats went in company with the Dromo in pursuit of the monster on their way down. Struck one with a calf. Killed it about dark and anchored it fifteen miles from the ship.

6th The boats went up after the whale and got back to the ship about three o'clock, afterwards they cut him in. Capt May and his son came on board several times during the day.

7th The Scotland, Capt. Weeks, and the Cahn, Capt Fahlbe, came up here today. The Cahn is going farther up the Lagoon, the Scotland has anchored near us. Capt Weeks came on board with his little "Lutie". Minnie was delighted to see her, more especially as she is the first little girl that has visited her on board the Addison. Capt Fahlbe also dined with us. The Steward and Stewage boy had gone ashore for wood, so I was obliged to get dinner for them with the help of the cook. We do not calculate much upon dinner now, as the officers are all away nobody in the cabin but Samuel Minnie and myself, the boats.



usually get back at three or four o'clock, and then we have a good meal. We breakfast at half past four. I did not get up so early first along, and Samuel and myself have our breakfasts afterwards, but as the Steward would cook a separate one for us, I thought it best for us to eat with the rest, as Samuel always wanted to get up to see the boats off. We now get up to breakfast at half past four, and then I go to bed again to pass away the time until sunrise which is about seven. The weather here is delightful, just comfortably warm, having windows either open or shut. The nights are quite cool. I think it is just the weather that would suit my Mother, it very seldom rains here but occasionally there are heavy dews. Caught four turtles today 8th. The boats went in one lagoon today and the Dromed's in another, our boats saw nothing but the other ship had three boats stolen without getting fast. The boats got in between the whale and her calf - they push their calves up in the air at times to increase their speed, and ~~they~~ <sup>she</sup> probably mistook the boats for ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> child. I am glad I don't go in the boats. Caught some very fine mackerel today from the ship.

9th The boats returned this P.M. with a whale which they took to the Dromed. Mr Parker, our third officer got his boat stolen quite badly, but no one was hurt. Finish a boiling today as we only boil during the day, cool down at night and all hands were in except ship-keepers.

10th Boats took another whale today which they were obliged to anchor as there was a head tide, the boats go up the lagoon about thirty miles. Samuel, boatsteerer, attempted to strike a turtle yesterday and cut his hand so that he will not be able to go in a boat again at present. Our ship will be quite a hospital if they keep on coming down. Mr Forsyth our mate, has been laid up nearly one since we left So Oahu, with rheumatism, the cook has been off duty for about two weeks also one of the foremost hands, and Antone boatsteerer, has been off duty several days with a cold, pain in his bones. Sam back to and tonight Heron another boatsteerer has given up. It is bad to have boatsteerers give up now, they are needed so much now.



have been obliged to take two men from the fore-castle to act in that capacity. Since the *Cabin* left us, she has had several boats storm, and one man's leg broken, a bad beginning, the *Cynthian* has taken six whales and the *Carib* four - they are both a number of miles farther up the lagoon than we are, or can get.

11th We were intending to go on board the *Scotland* to pass the day but it rained some in the morning and was quite unpleasant so we decided to postpone it until tomorrow.

12th A beautiful day for our visit, we left about 10 o'clock and returned in the evening, had a delightful visit. I was very happy to go on my own account, but doubly delighted that Minnie could enjoy the society of girls at sea, they being the first she has seen this voyage. Capt. Peck's oldest daughter is eleven years old, and she and Minnie enjoyed each other's society very much. Samuel did not pass the day with us as he was busy cutting and boiling, but he went early and took tea. 13th The *Scotland* took a whale today being the second they have taken here.

14th Mrs. Peck and children passed the day with us. Capt. Peck and Capt. May came to tea; passed a very pleasant day. Capt. Allen and Mr. Galters passed the day with us. 15th Capt. May and Samuel went fishing, got nothing except quahogs as the tide was not right. Capt. May's boat took a whale.

16th Samuel went on board the *Dromed* to help cut in the whale, with a boat's crew as Capt. May was short handed.

17th Samuel is laid up today with a lame back in consequence of digging quahogs and cutting in whale. Capt. Peck came on board for me to go and see his wife as they thought some of leaving at night - but while he was here they decided to stop another day so I put off my visit until tomorrow as I was busy washing - and I did not care to leave Samuel. Capt. Peck recommended New rum and Salsaparilla to bathe his back which I immediately applied.



got a whale to day which they were to bring to our ship, but Samuel sent for Capt May to take it to the Drom as he was not able to see to it.

18th Capt Necks boat took a whale yesterday which sunk, they anchored him and went back for him today, when they had the misfortune to find that the sharks had almost entirely devoured him.

Samuel's back being lame, I invited Mr Crocker our fourth officer to take Minnie and myself on board the Scottand which I presume he was very happy to do.

19th Capt. Fish of the Victoria 50 or 60 miles up the Lagoon near here this morning by day light, came down for bomb lances - passed the most of the day with us - Our Steward set out to go ashore after wood this morning,

fell in with a Spanish boat that had Leguon, bought a good supply, then they went in the bushes and had a regular spree. After our boats came back from whaling as he had not returned, Samuel sent Mr Parker to look them up he found them just awaking from their carousal - they came back looking quite crest-fallen - he feared they had run, and it was quite a relief to me to have the Steward to come back - although I have lost confidence in him, he is an excellent Steward and that is all you can say -

20th As the Captains were all going fishing today - I thought I would send for Mrs Necks and family to come and pass the day with me. He had a nice time today, until about noon I saw one of the Scottand's boats coming back with a man lying down in the stern sheets - and presently the Captains boat went on board also -

I knew something bad had happened but I kept still, as I knew that it would make Mrs Necks feel very bad - she knew nothing of it until tonight when her husband came and said that one of their boatstems had his leg broken in two places by a whale the whale escaped - when our boats returned at night we found that one of the boats had been served in the same manner, but fortunately no one was injured - Mr Forsyth has discovered so that he goes in the boats



The man that had his leg broken on board the *Calm* has since died.

21<sup>st</sup>. Today we went on shore and had a picnic, Capt. Hucks his wife and two children, Samuel Minnie and myself, and Capt. May and son. Started about nine o'clock in the morning. We took our Steward with us, and Capt. Hucks took his Cook. Carried bread crackers cake cookies and fruit with us. After we arrived there kindled a fire and made a snaky chowder and <sup>he had plenty of coffee and beer also.</sup> Stewed some birds for dinner. The Captains went a little further up the lagoon swimming for fish, their seine was too short, so that most of the fish escaped. We had an abundance of oysters all around us, growing on the trees, and the empty shells ~~floating~~ on all sides of us would show that we did them ample justice. We would have a tree cut down and thrown across the fire until the oysters were sufficiently roasted then take the tree off and commence operations each child having a separate fire and roasting his own oysters. It was a pleasant day of their lives and one long to be remembered. It is a barren country nothing growing except sand-flowers which were very pretty and cactus plants. The children succeeded in making very pretty wreaths to adorn their heads, even in such a barren place. The tide went down about noon very suddenly in the lagoon where we were leaving the boats high and dry about two miles the channel. So that we made up our minds to have to stay very late, perhaps the most of the night. We prepared ourselves accordingly, had a boat sail put up for a tent in the morning to protect us from the sun. We sent the men out to get a good supply of wood, and such a roaring fire as we had. It reminded us of the big logs and large fireplaces of old fashioned days. We wrapped ourselves up in boat sails coats and table cloths and were as comfortable as need be, though we thought our home friends would think it looked rather dubious. Had a very seen us with no prospect of getting off until the rise of the



tide, with these children seven or eight miles from  
 the ship: About 9 P.M. we found that the boats would  
 float soon after the moon rose and we started off -  
 had a delightful sail by moonlight and arrived at the  
 ship about half past ten, on our arrival we were very  
 happy to hear that our boats had taken a whale -  
 we all decided that after having such a pleasant time  
 that we must try it again before we leave the Bay -  
 22<sup>nd</sup> We feared that the children might take cold last  
 night, but our fears were unfounded - and we all feel  
 better from our excursion. The whale that was taken  
 yesterday was brought to our ship this afternoon, and  
 the Dromo's boats with one of the Scottlands took another  
 today. The whale carried them nearly down to the head,  
 before they killed him, after being killed he sank  
 they anchored him leaving one boat by him until they  
 can get him up, Two Spanish boats were down today  
 with beef raisins figs oranges and cheese - we bought  
 some beef and some oranges which were very nice -  
 23<sup>rd</sup> They succeeded in pulling the whale up this afternoon -  
 got him alongside the Scotland a short time before dark -  
 Another whale was taken in Clark's lagoon today which  
 was taken to the Dromo. So we shall all make a smoke  
 together, Capt. Sherman of the Barge Cynthia having about  
 30 miles above us came down at night, stopped to see  
 with us and went on board the Dromo to spend the  
 night, I believe he wants to buy cotton cloth for trade -  
 24<sup>th</sup> Samuel went on board the Scotland to help Capt.  
 Bucks cut in his whale took Annie with him came  
 home before dark, we leaving Annie there to pass the  
 day with the children. Captains May and Capt. Sherman  
 were here to dine with us. Capt. Sherman took 1400 worth  
 of trade from the children - Capt. Bucks came on board  
 in the P.M. to invite us to pass the day on board the  
 Scotland, he said we had better give each other as often as  
 possible, as we might not have another such nice time to  
 give for the voyage and I for one do not expect to - it  
 is so very smooth here - we both go up and down the ship's  
 side, as there are so few men on board we put them to as little trouble as  
 possible -



24th, A bright and beautiful morning as usual, the days are all alike here. About nine o'clock Samuel and Capt. May took us on board the Scotland where we stopped until about 5 P.M. their boatster who had his leg broken ~~in~~ continues, or comfortable, his leg appears to be doing well. The mate of the Scotland came home about dark with his boat badly stove, a whale came up under his boat knocked them all in the water but no one was injured. They afterwards fastened to the same whale but he towed them so far out to sea they were obliged to cut from him. The Brig Antilla from Oahu passed us today on her way up the lagoon - The Capt came on board for a short time, and afterwards Samuel went there. Our boats did not get home until eight o'clock in the evening. They took another whale and were obliged to anchor him on account of the tide -

26th The boats went up the lagoon as usual this morning and will bring the whale down when they come.

Samuel and Capt. May went fishing and oystering this forenoon - were quite successful, got over a hundred good sized fish, and as many oysters as they wished to bring down, got the whale alongside about dark.

27th Capt. May and Capt. Peck with their boats crews came on board this morning to assist Samuel in cutting in the whale - as we had only one boat crew of our own to stop. Nothing was seen up the lagoon today. I believe I have not written down the loss of the Barque Black Warrior, Capt. Brown she went ashore several weeks ago in what is called "Scamerson's" lagoon. Capt. Brown came here without stopping to the Islands and had his oil on board that he took north which fortunately was but 200 lbs.

28th Capt. Peck and family passed the day with us today. At the signal for Capt. May to come and dine with us but he did not come, from the appearance of his ship, we judged what he was stowing down.

30th Samuel and Capt. Peck thought it best to keep the boats on board today not only to recruit the men but also give the whale a chance to come in, and they



thought Capt May would do the same as they were the majority but he saw fit to send his boat alone and the consequence was they got a whale, rather an unfair price of business the rest of us thought I suppose he takes it as it was taken to his ship.

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1858. Samuel Minnie and myself went on board the *Scottland* and passed the day - in the afternoon Capt Hicks Capt May and Capt Lawrence went after some oysters which they found in abundance. Stowed down our oil yesterday found that the four whales had yielded us 177 barrels of oil, a very good yield for muschiggers.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Samuel went fishing today got about a hundred Mullet and a few flounders. The boat took a whale in the main lagoon today which was taken to the *Scottland*.

3<sup>rd</sup> Samuel went fishing again today as he wanted to get some to save to carry North. took the Steward and Storage boy with him, so I had the cooking to do. I made four loaves of bread, six pies, six pans of cookies and stuffed two fish for baking - we have five men left on board - three invalids. It seems very lonely to have them all gone from the cabin. The boat fastened to a whale again today but accidentally cut from him. I have mentioned about their getting oysters that grew on trees, but the story that they came home with today I think rather beats that. The most of the fish they took today they found inside of decayed logs of wood, splitting open the logs and taking the fish out - a strange kind of fishing, but nevertheless true - even the whales go up in the bushes - and the last one that was taken they killed on the flat.

4<sup>th</sup> Capt Hicks and family passed the day with us, had a pleasant time as we usually do.

6<sup>th</sup> Mary stopped on board last night with Minnie. I made up a bed on the cabin floor so that they might sleep together. She stopped on board through the day. They generally amuse themselves in cooking when they are together. Today they made cake and cookies which were really quite nice.



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but I imagine they had a little of the steward's assistance.  
The boats chased a whale out of the lagoon today without  
getting fast.

7th, Samuel went fishing today, but had fisherman's luck,  
got no fish, the tides are low now, but little water in  
the lagoons where they want to fish. Mr Parker brought home  
the largest turtle that I ever saw, took several men to lift it.  
8th, Samuel officiated and myself went on board the  
Scotland today. Samuel and Capt Hicks went fishing, got a  
very few fish and a few birds. Capt Hicks told us that  
we must talk fast through the day for he intended to  
move down stream the next day. I felt very bad to  
hear it, for we have taken much comfort together, but  
I suppose we shall all move very soon as there are no  
whales taken now.

9th, Capt Sherman of the Capthorn sent down for more  
goods today. He wants but one whale to fill his casks  
which will make him a thousand barrels. The Cushman  
has taken 16 whales and the Antilla six. It seems  
too bad that there should be so many whales thirty  
miles up the lagoon where a ship cannot go, and so  
few down here, but the ships all draw too much water  
to cross the "Divides," so the small craft has that whaling  
ground to themselves.

10th, the Scotland did not get under weigh yesterday as she  
intended to, the men all calculating to go down to "Man of War"  
Bay today on a pleasure excursion. It was a strong breeze  
but as we were afraid it would be our last chance we decided  
to improve. We went on board the Scotland and went down  
in her seven or eight miles, then went ashore. The girls  
wanted to go in a boat by themselves so I went with Capt  
Hicks and Mary went with Elsie and Samuel.  
as the Scotland had no boats off the officers and most of  
the crew were ashore with us. We had a nice quaker  
chowder, bar coffee three kinds of cake white bread cheese  
figs and oranges for the treat the Stewards made chowder  
three times in the course of the day. When the time came  
for going home, as there was a strong breeze with the wind  
and tide both ahead, Samuel decided to pass the night on



board the *Scottland* which plan the ladies and children readily fell in with. We arrived safely on board about 5 P.M. had supper, had quite a nice sing in the course of the evening. played back-gammon &c. When it came bed time Minnie went to bed with Mary in her cot which was hung in the after-cabin. Mrs. Pecks, Lulu and myself took her bed in her bed-room. Capt. Pecks had a bed on the floor in the after-cabin and Samuel took the sofa.

11th. This morning a ship went ashore on the flats in attempting to get across from the "heads". She was supposed to be the *Enphatis* Capt. Heath. The *Rambler's* boat and the *Scottland* went to her assistance. About 9 A.M. we started for our Addison home reaching it about 1 P.M. We had a head wind and head tide so did not make very rapid progress. found all well on board - the boat men all on board as there was such a strong breeze in the morning it was of no use to set off - 12th. Samuel went fishing this morning found that he could not get in the lagoon, so went to another place and filled his boat with oysters. He got a large kind called Rock-oysters and had I been on shore in a starving condition I should never have thought of their being any eatable in such unsightly looking rocks. one oyster nearly fills a saucer. we had them fried in butter for supper - but they were rather too sweet for me - though they were nice - I like the tree oysters much better than those however - in the afternoon Samuel and Capt. May went skinning - stayed until about 9 P.M. had a large fire on the beach thinking it would attract the fish, but the water in the lagoon was too low - the ship that was ashore yesterday is off again, but we have not heard whether she received any damage.

13th. Capt. May came on board to dine with us today. It seems so pleasant not to see the *Scottland* (she has gone down in the passage now) we miss them very much. P.M. went ashore and walked around found quite a quantity of shells. Some quite pretty but nothing very choice. The boat had the good fortune to capture a whale today which was taken to the *Deomo*.

14th. A Spanish boat came down today. brought figs and cheese but no beef. We bought four sacks of figs. Some of which were very nice.



16th. For the last three days I have been engaged in putting a bag for Samuel's seine. finished it today. The Schooner Ella Fisher came down today. Capt. Allen came on board and passed the evening. Mr Humbley went fishing today took quite a quantity of them.

17th. We have fish in abundance to eat now. Had one of the most stuffed and baked for supper that I ever tasted. Mr Humbley and Mr Crocker went fishing today, Samuel and Capt. Allen went up in the afternoon. they did not take quite as many as they did yesterday. Mr Forsyth went gunning. shot about a dozen curlew and ducks. which were very nice. Capt May came on board to tea with us.

18th. Two of the boats went fishing today made a great haul got nearly two boat loads. Capt Allen came on board in the afternoon and passed the night with us.

19th. Commenced splitting and salting the fish immediately after breakfast. Samuel hopes to have some for sale at the Islands as they will probably fetch eight or ten dollars per barrel.

20th. Capt Allen left today for "Man of War" Bay, and as Samuel saw a ship going in there from below he decided to take a boat in tow and go down in the Schooner. A man whom we found on board after leaving the Islands by the name of John Jones, an American one probably has asked and obtained leave to go to San Francisco with Capt. Allen. He says he ran away from an English Man of War then in port, the "Calypso", and he dares not go back to the Islands again for fear of being apprehended. I sent several letters to S. J. by Capt Allen, wrote two sheets to my Father and Mother one to Cynthia, one to George a note to James one to S. P. Bourne one to Sarah and one to Joseph & Harriet which I hope they may all receive in due time.

Samuel arrived home about 8 P.M. found that ship to be the Scotland saw Capt. Meeks and family ashore. he has taken 19 barrels since he left here. was bound in for his wood and then going to leave ship and doing nothing below now. The Pauline took a whale a few days since had the second mate and one man's leg broken and another man killed. The Benjamin Rush's Cooper and one



a man of his boatsteers. A boat took another cooper and boatsteer from the Euphrates and cleared in the night for parts unknown. The following day the ships started in pursuit of them. Capt. Allen sent Merwin by Samuel a fish-line wound on a reel with a sinker and two hooks attached to it, which pleased her very much as she employs herself a great deal in fishing from the stern. She has caught a number of fish herself. He sent our boat around to tow the Dromo this morning out of Clark's into the main lagoon. After getting into the channel he let go his anchor and this afternoon when the tide turned he got under weigh to come down and get ashore. He hopes to get off by to night's tide if possible. Samuel went to his assistance soon after his arrival from below.

21<sup>st</sup> The Dromo got off last night without any trouble. Sent the boats up the lagoon today to see if there might not be a stray whale for us, and had the good fortune to catch one which was taken on board the Addison. The last whale of the season probably.

22<sup>nd</sup> Capt. May went down to Stan of Star Bay in his boat today reported eight ships as being there; but two the Quaker and the Teetana would leave today. We shall probably go down there as soon as we get our oil stored down. Capt. May will go tomorrow if it is a good time.

24<sup>th</sup> Took up our anchor this morning and got under weigh in company with the Dromo as he did not go yesterday on account of there being a strong breeze. Stowed down our oil yesterday. The whole amount of oil belonging to the Addison taken on the coast of California is 213 barrels. We hope still to get a sperm whale on our way to the Islands. We anchored in the bay about noon. Saw a fleet with flags flying on shore. Concluded they were having a picnic. Soon after we were anchored a boat came off to us with an invitation to us to visit with them which invitation we cordially accepted. On our arrival there we found Capt. Willis, wife and three children. Capt. Hicks, wife and 2 children (he left the day before but came back on account of having bad weather outside). Capt. Whaley, wife and one child of the Quaker. Capt. May of the Dromo. Capt. Whitfield of the Massachusetts. Capt. Perreque-



of the Levi Starbuck, Capt Chester of the Majestic, Capt Booker of the Hibernia, Capt Hathaway of the S. B. Richmond and Capt Lawrence wife and one child of the Addition made 10 Captains, 4 ladies and 7 children, we could hardly realize that we were reheating, had a nice chowder, Coffee cold ham, cake bread crackers and cookies we also had plenty of oysters.

26th, as Capt. Hicks expected to go to Sea Monday I invited him with his family to pass the day with us, and as I thought it would be very pleasant even though I had small accommodations I invited all the Ladies with their husbands and children to pass the day with us likewise, which invitation they cordially accepted. I should have been pleased to have invited all the Captains in port but our table could not be enlarged sufficiently to seat them all. We had for dinner oyster soup, Boiled Ham, and stewed rabbit with dumplings, a gooseberry pudding and tarts made of bottled fruits, for tea we had fried ham fish balls, Ham biscuit preserves, pies, plum cake and plain cake, we had a very pleasant time, the children particularly. Capt. Hicks and family passed the night with us, as they were smoking ship. Mrs Hicks Louie and myself took the bed made a bed up on the floor in the state room for Mary and Minnie, Capt. Hicks took Minnie's berth, and Samuel took the sofa, after dinner Capt. Hicks felt as if he wished to give his children one more run so we all went ashore stopped two or three hours, then we went with them to tea on board the Scotland.

27th Samuel went on board the Scotland this morning took Minnie with him, he also went on board the S. B. Richmond they both went out in the forenoon also the Hibernia, our boats are all engaged in getting wood, we keep a gang ashore cutting all the time, and we find it very good wooding. We had a call from several of the Captains today. Capt. Hathaway sent me a bag of oranges. The Fortune Capt. Weston arrived today - 28th another picnic today Grand had a tent put up on a large scale today with several American flags waving in the breeze which made it look very pleasant. The Steward of the Levi Starbuck and our Steward were to make the



Chouder, the Steward of the Rambler was then also to  
 superintend the tables, before the first two mentioned Stewards  
 went ashore, they went on board the Locomotive when they were  
 treated to liquor by the Steward of the Locomotive, he Steward liked  
 it, and took a pretty good supply, but the Levi Starbuck did not  
 care for much, they did very well in the forenoon but as soon  
 as the chowder was served, they asked and obtained liberty  
 to go on board one of the Ships to get more pork and potatoes  
 for another chowder. They came directly on board the Alderson  
 our Steward broke into our State room helped himself to liquor  
 and when he got back again he was about drunk enough.  
 The Commr. to Samuel soon after that telling him, he was tired  
 of being Steward and wanted he should let him go - Samuel  
 asked him where he got the liquor, he answered as independ-  
 ently as you please "I got it from your wife's room", Samuel looked  
 around for some of his crew that they might take him along  
 but as he could find none he told him to go, and not to  
 show his face until he was sober - so he bid them all good bye  
 asked for a "chaw of tobacco" and off he went - he had a very  
 pleasant time with the exception of that, it made them all feel  
 badly but it mortified me very much - he considered that he  
 was the best Steward among all the ships and so had  
 depended upon him, he had chowder ham coffee beer  
 cake of all kinds pies bread crackers cookies preserves, &c.  
 It was dark when he left, but no Steward was to be found.  
 I felt very badly about our Steward last night, he must  
 suffer greatly for the want of water after going off in the  
 condition that he was in, he has no one on deck, that can act  
 as Steward, and I don't know what we shall do if he does not  
 come - I do not believe he could possibly live to get up where the  
 Spanish Settlement are with nothing to eat or drink. I hope  
 he may live to get back he was invited to pass the day on  
 board the Rambler today so I made some cake for the cabin  
 when leaving had a very pleasant time, there were eight Captains  
 there to tea, I carried Mrs. Miller some colored yarn to knit for  
 her children which she needed very much, and she gave me a  
 pair of cotton stockings and a pair of thick shoes for mine  
 which were greatly acceptable.



24th. I was to be at home today, I thought it best to go to Washington before doing so. Made half a dozen pemmican pies, which were quite nice, sent two boats up the lagoon today fishing, will probably stay all night. I hope they may fall in with the Albatross and bring him back again, Capt. Ashley, Capt. Miller came on board at the forenoon and made us a call. Capt. Miller brought us a piece of fresh pork which was very nice, Capt. Chatfield and Capt. Ferguson passed the evening with us. About dusk I was on the house with Samuel and Mr. Forsyth came and said there was a boat coming with the Albatross in it - he could hardly get up the side, he reeled like a drunken man, he came and asked Samuel's forgiveness, told him that he would be the most faithful servant to him that any one ever had if he would only take him back, said that he had nothing to eat except a small piece of bread that he took with him - and not a drop to drink, he had travelled constantly, when he tried to come back he lost his way - and was about saying down to die when he saw fire, he followed the smoke until he arrived at where a boat's crew were from the Levi Starbuck could just say "for God's sake give me a drop of water" and fell to the ground, in all human probability if he had not found those men as he did, his bones would have been left there like many others who think to better themselves by leaving their ships. Capt. Ferguson had three men to leave yesterday that have not yet been heard of. The Doctor and the Chaplain left today.

3rd. The Albatross is very lame and sore today his feet and ankles are very much swollen and he looks as if he had seen hard times, he seems very humble and I can but hope that it will be a lesson to him, spent on board the Albatross today the day had a very pleasant time as usual - however shall miss these pleasant gatherings when we get to sea - seems very much like home gatherings, only home friends are not with me.

4th. Two boats came back last evening loaded with fresh meat - some around a rather a supply of them - to all the ships, I thought we would have the Captain's here today that had no wives with them, I wonder how he likes to have his



them all, but thought the Steward hardly able to attend to it. Capt. Chatfield went out this forenoon so that we only had two Captains to dine with us, Capt. Fernegan and Lester. Had a fish chowder a large stuffed and baked fish, coffee bread and butter and preserves and a roll pudding. Had some huckleberry pie made for supper but they did not stop. Capt. Fernegan sent a boat out to look for his men, they saw a flag put up and their names written in the sand about twelve miles from the beach, but nothing more of them. They found the skeleton of a man which they supposed to have died this season, his name was also written in the sand near him but they could not make it out. We are now painting the ship outside and in, expect she will look equal to a clipper when she gets on her new dress.

4th As it is Sunday we are not doing much. Let some of the foremast hands take a boat after dinner and go ashore. Capt. Fernegan came here in the morning he was going ashore to take one more look for his men, as he wants to go to sea he would have gone yesterday had it not been for them. In the evening Samuel went on board the Reviver, also on board the Rambler.

5th Capt. Fernegan and Capt. Lester left today. Capt. F. did not succeed in finding his men. After dinner Samuel, Minnie and myself went on board the Reviver stopped there about two hours, then went on board the Rambler to tea. Capt. and Mrs. Ashley went also and passed the evening.

9th Capt. Willis came on board in the morning, he has decided to go to sea after dinner, he brought a man that he found deserted on board his ship after leaving the Islands, he wanted to get a passage to San Francisco and as we were going to stop here a day or two longer, and by that time the carrier might make his appearance and he could get passage in the, Samuel consented to take him, as he needed his services as boat steerer, should he remain on board. The Victoria, Oahu, and Antilla came down from the Lagoon today. Capt. Fish of the Victoria passed out the other two anchored. The Reviver and Rambler left this P.M. Capt. Fehlb of the Oahu passed the afternoon with us.

10th Samuel went on board the Oahu, also on board the Antilla today. Capt. Molde of the Antilla is quite fat, has a bad cough,



11th Sept. Mds. of the *Stetilla* sent a fine pig as a present to us this morning, also several tins of preserved meats put up in Germany a nice present. Our boats that we sent up fishing arrived this morning, they were not very successful in getting fish, but got four very large turtle and three small ones also. Two boat loads of oysters, we shall try to keep some of them fresh as a treat to the good people of Maui, about ten A.M. Samuel took us ashore that we might have one more run we took a few oysters with us that we might have the pleasure of making a fire and roasting them. We went back a little way where the flowers grew, found a very pretty boguet and some very handsome specimens of *Cactus* flowers. Then we went on the beach found a few shells, helped the boat's crew dig clams. filled a bag with shells for the benefit of our "biddies" eat our oysters. Minnie went in wading for a few minutes and then we bid adieu to the shores of Maunaloa Bay. for the present after dinner we got under weigh with a nice breeze in company with the other two vessels.

12th Jan nothing of the vessels this morning as they were bound direct to the Islands, and we are going down to Cape St. Lucas to see if there might not be a sperm whale waiting for us. Saw a grand sight this morning, one of the California Steamers she was about four miles from us, consequently we could neither report ourselves nor get any late papers from her.

P.M. Saw another steamer which was coming toward us. I had one letter written to Charles & Lizzie, & sealed and directed it, then hastily wrote a few lines to sister Alice. By that time the steamer was close upon us so we launched a boat and sent Mr. Parker far off with the letters, the Captain kindly slackened her speed took the boat alongside long enough to take the letters and give us some papers. Such a crowd as there was on that steamer's deck I never saw, the gentlemen waving their hats and the ladies waving their handkerchiefs. Samuel and myself following suit. although I imagine that I was looked upon by them as an object of pity, but I do not believe that I would exchange situations with any of them.

13th Jan nothing but humpbacks so decided to shape our course for the Islands which we did accordingly. There was a head sea



and quite a strong breeze which made it very uncomfortable a number on board were sea-sick, but it made no difference to Minnie and myself, although we had been laying at anchor over two months.

20th Nothing of interest has occurred this past week. Moderate winds have prevailed. Have been expecting the "trades" daily, but they kept back until last night when they made their appearance, accompanied by squalls, and some rain the first we have had for nearly three months. Today there is a strong breeze, and the gallant Addison carries us on at the rate of 8 knots towards our destined port.

27th Have had the benefit of the "trades" more or less, for the last week. are now within three or four days sail of the Islands, where we expect to receive tidings, either good or bad from "the loved" at home. God grant that we may have strength given us to bear up under whatever we may be called upon to bear.

29th Saw a ship today, steering in the same direction with ourselves. Made Maui this afternoon, but as the weather was unpleasant, with a head wind, we made but little headway - laying off and on part of the night.

We arrived safely at anchor in the harbor of Lahaina about 4 P.M. 30th, went ashore very soon afterward where we found accommodations as usual with our friend Gilman at "Sea-Side Cottage". found letters from home awaiting us containing the sad intelligence of the death of our beloved niece Belie M. Bourne. of her parents how can I speak - those hearts that ache because the voice of their loved one is heard no more, of eyes that weep because eyes that were bright have grown dim. Her end was tranquil and peaceful and her parents feel that though they have one less in their family circle, yet "Heaven has one spirit more". May they and we also live so that we may finally be united to the dear loved ones gone before. We also found two boxes there for us, one which my Mother had sent nearly two years previous but which has just reached us and the other was directly from home from our Galvath friends.



He passed several days with Mr & Mrs Brayton they have  
 an infant son several months old. Mr & Mrs Bigelow  
 have left since we were there last spring and their  
 place is filled by Capt & Mrs Bailey who arrived there  
 last fall. Two Capt. Tachier are stopping at Lahanua this  
 season, ten at Olo and five at Honolulu. The Bishop  
 and family are at "the States" his pulpit is supplied by Mr  
 Andrews of Lahanua. We attended church the  
 Sabbath the last was very rainy there were but eleven  
 persons present I being the only female. I had been out  
 in worse weather at home and felt as if I could not be  
 denied the privilege of attending church as opportunity  
 occurs so seldom. We left Oahu the 13<sup>th</sup> April and arrived  
 off Honolulu the next morning where we went ashore and  
 found "our room" vacant at Mr Damon's and a place at  
 Mr Whitney's table. We took a passenger down a poor sick  
 man that came from California on account of his health  
 and is now anxious to get back to die. He was probably  
 too far advanced in his disease when he arrived at  
 the Islands for the climate to be of any benefit to him.  
 Sunday attended church at the Bethel heard the Rev Mr  
 Corwin pastor of the Fort St Church preach in the morning  
 and Mr Collins, who I think is an agent of the American  
 Missionary Society preach in the evening. Sunday night  
 I watched with Mrs Stocum, poor woman I think her  
 days are nearly ended. She is a great sufferer and an  
 uncommonly patient one. Saw Mrs Neils and her  
 children her husband had been gone several weeks. She  
 will stop there during the season. Monday afternoon we  
 left Oahu and went down to Manai to procure fish,  
 pigs fowls potatoes &c. ~~Not being so~~ The Cannibal  
 was laying off and on when we arrived and soon after  
 standing in too near she went on the reef. They soon  
 succeeded in getting her off without damage except  
 the loss of her false keel. The Barbiter also came in  
 while we were there not being successful in obtaining  
 what we wished for trade. The natives demanding  
 money for payment. We left there and proceeded to  
 Kure where we procured what we wanted on very



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reasonable terms, he left the Island the 21<sup>st</sup> for  
Hornedick.

Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. We have had quite moderate weather since  
we left. Some very warm pleasant days. Nothing has  
occurred of consequence. To change the scene since we  
left - for several days we were in company with the  
Barreter. Capt. Willis visited us once. He feels very  
lonely without his family, said he should feel still  
more homesick to enter his lonely cabin again after  
seeing us. We are now living upon fish. Rather more  
of it sometimes than we care about. Pork, Chickens,  
ducks, turkeys &c. As soon as it is a little cooler shall  
have some of the pigs killed, baked up and put down in  
barrels with lard, also have an abundance of Sausage, Sweet  
Hoy, head cheese, it takes too much for them all to eat.  
We had about 40 when we left the last Island.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Cloudy and quite a strong breeze through the day  
about sunset it increased to a gale, as the wind  
was fair we ran before it.

4<sup>th</sup>. Moderate a little in the morning but soon came on  
again with increasing fury - a slight specimen of the  
weather we shall enjoy this season. with an occasional  
change of fogs. To pass away the time as the dead lights  
were shut in the cabin making it dark and gloomy.

I seated myself on my bed and commenced working  
Sammie a pair of slippers.

5<sup>th</sup>. Not much change in the weather, a very heavy sea  
and some very severe squalls, we have kept running  
Sammie thought sometimes that he should be obliged to  
"lay to" but we kept on.

6<sup>th</sup>. The gale has abated and I could go out to my meals  
today without fear of my dinner being thrown in my  
lap or under the table. for several days past we have been  
under the necessity of holding on our mugs with one hand  
and our plates with the other, and occasionally snatching  
a mouth full between the rolls. Some very amusing  
scenes are enacted often at the table in a gale of wind.  
the Sauce will somehow get on our meat and the gravy in  
its turn will get upon the pudding.



1<sup>st</sup> I have been waiting for the last week for a good  
working day, today it made its appearance and I have  
been very busily engaged.  
11<sup>th</sup> Yesterday and today also we have experienced very  
fine weather, this morning soon after breakfast we heard  
the sound of "there blows" "there goes flukes" &c. we were all in  
quite a state of excitement for it was supposed to be a  
right whale, which supposition turned out to be correct.  
The boats were very soon manned and lowered. Mr Jackson, our  
second mate had a chance to strike but his boat-throw  
missed him to our great disappointment. He was a new  
boat-throw that we shipped at Nahian. I believe I have  
not mentioned that Samuel discharged Mr Farquhar on  
account of sickness and promoted Mr Huntly to first officer  
and shipped a Mr Jackson to supply Mr Huntly's place.  
We also left Antone and Samuel two boat-throwers that we brought  
from home in the Hospital. We saw whales again four  
boats went in pursuit of them, then soon I heard the cry of  
"a bow fast" a joyful cry indeed, but our joy was of short duration  
for when they were dancing the whale they accidentally cut the  
line. Consequently the whale was again at liberty. There will be  
a dead whale now for some fortunate one, for he could not in all  
probability live long as there had been two bomb dances fired at  
him one of which we heard explode inside of him. A sorry  
days work but I hope not a specimen of what we may expect during  
the season.

12<sup>th</sup> Bump and foggy weather through the day saw no whales.

13<sup>th</sup> Another gale of wind increased through the day, no "day to"

14<sup>th</sup> The gale still continues, at night moderated somewhat except  
in squalls. Sailing to through the day - rainy.

15<sup>th</sup> Moderated some a strong breeze with rain occasionally at night  
a calm with a heavy sea which was more uncomfortable than a  
gale of wind, foggy.

16<sup>th</sup> Raining in the morning but cleared away by noon, so that  
the remainder of the day was very pleasant. Looked over for  
whales but saw none.

17<sup>th</sup> Pleasant through the day with a strong breeze & heavy sea which  
at night increased to a gale. Not a severe one by any means  
but a heavy head sea which prevailed, made the Addison  
pitch and roll quite furiously. We in the vicinity of Cape



Fair weather have seen the coast along the coast also Mount Fairweather. Saw four ships at a distance they were neither chasing nor boiling. In one of my boxes from home I have two tins of "Swiss Butter" had one of them opened yesterday and though not just from the churn it tastes very nice to me. The butter we have now was very good when we left home but in nearly three years time of course there would be a change, if not for the better. The breakfast at six o'clock in the morning, as it makes a long day I let Minnie sleep on and get her breakfast by herself. I make her milk-porridge usually as we have quite an abundance of milk, our goat has kids while we were in port and now gives a quart or more milk a day - we have pumpkin pie puddings &c which we all appreciate. When I put Minnie to bed at night her last words are "good-night Mamma, please make me some porridge in the morning"

18<sup>th</sup> The wind has left us in the morning a calm with a thick fog - when fair comes in we hope for better weather - foggy and rainy throughout the day.

19<sup>th</sup> A strong breeze with squalls of wind accompanied by rain and hail. Saw two ships in the morning going on an opposite tack from ourselves.

20<sup>th</sup> A heavy sea with rain occasionally have seen neither ships nor whales, there is one consolation in knowing that if we should see whales we could not take them in this weather. Consequently others more fortunate than ourselves are not taking them.

21<sup>st</sup> Squalls and Calms, with a heavy sea, raining through the day.

22<sup>nd</sup> A fine pleasant day. Spoke the Corinthian, Capt Lewis came on board and passed the afternoon with us. He is just out from home was mate of the Tamar during last voyage. He has taken nothing and has heard of only one ship, that has taken a whale, he gave him a pig and he sent us a bushel of nice home corn and Minnie a bag of nuts, almonds, walnuts and filberts which are a great treat to her. He has a mill for grinding corn, so now we can enjoy hasty puddings Johnny cakes &c. not forgetting the "hulled corn" for which we begged a few sticks of wood to make ashes, as ours is not suitable for that purpose.



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23rd Another fine beautiful day, I improved it by doing a few  
weeks washing. Several ships in sight but no whales, land in  
sight along the coast from Cross Sound to Norfolk Sound.

24th Quite pleasant in the morning with a strong breeze several  
ships in sight. Saw the Speedwell ahead with her boats down  
chasing a whale without success about 10 A.M. spoke the Speedwell  
but as the wind was increasing and every prospect of a coming gale  
we did not gain, Mrs Gibbs and I shook handkerchiefs to our hearts content  
we were both much disappointed. After we left them, we saw the  
same whale that they had been chasing going to the windward,  
the first one we have seen for nearly three weeks.

25th The gale of yesterday lasted until about 12 P.M. last night.  
Seven ships in sight during the day. About 2 P.M. we lay  
a back for the Speedwell to come down to us which she did.  
Capt & Mrs Gibbs came on board and we had a right good  
time. Capt & Mrs Taber of the Augusta were in sight. A little later  
spoke the Caroline of Greenport, Capt Pontus came on board  
and passed the evening. Mrs Gibbs brought Minnie some  
lozenges and me some salt cod-fish which was very acceptable.  
We gave them some pickled Mullet and some figs also a  
leg of pork and some books. We heard from the Capt. that  
several small whales had been taken close in by the land, there  
is where they all expect to find them by and by. Consequently the  
ships are very plenty, it is supposed there are 90 ships here but many  
of them will soon leave for the Arctic unless whales are seen more  
plenty than they have been. The gale of the fourth was felt very  
sensibly here. The strab. of Fairham was dismasted, partially.  
Capt. Ginnell has his lady on board.

26th This morning before we got up, they came down and told  
Samuel there was a barque hauled a back for us to speak.  
He ran down and found it to be the William Gifford, Capt  
Baker of Folmouth with his wife and two children. They  
pitched Samuel to go on board and take me, but I was not  
very well, and Samuel thought it was coming thick, so he  
went alone for a short time, found a box on board for us from  
Sarah, filled with bottled berries originally and a loaf of cake.  
The bottles were all broken except two and the contents had  
penetrated all the reading and the loaf of cake was nothing  
but powder. Minnie said they had sent me a nice box of



ginger" in was sometime before we found out what it was. The great difference was after that he went to the Eastward where we had been, and we are going to the Westward again on the ground when we saw those whales, if, happy, we might see them again. Saw one whale today going to the Westward.

29th. Have seen nothing but Fin-backs Hump-backs and dolphins. Bottoms for several days, not a ship to be seen, we are now bound in to the North-East to see what may be there. 7 P.M. Looked for a right whale, but they could not get quite near enough to strike. He had previously been struck and injured, had an iron already in him, which one would suppose to be anything but comfortable.

30th. Spoke the Robert Edward Capt Wood in the morning. Thought it was too early to come on board as he wanted to look out for whales. In the afternoon spoke the Good Return Capt. Fish. Both Captains came on board and we had a very pleasant time. Capt Fish is right from our home, consequently could tell us considerable news. He brought Minnie a large paper of candy and brought and sent me two tins of preserve pears, a bag of Indian meal and three bottles of currant wine. Have neither of them taken anything, and they with others think the prospect rather gloomy. Capt Wood brought his wife out as far as Valparaiso, from which place she, being tired of the sea, left for home. Two other ships in sight at sunset.

31st. Two ships in sight. Saw the Good Return's boat down chasing whales without success. Pleasant weather with the exception of a little fog some part of the day.

May 1st. Last night I was kept awake with the toothache and a violent pain in my head. Samuel gave me some Sassafras to ease the pain, and it has made me feel very dull and stupid for the whole day. I was on the bed in the afternoon when they spoke a ship, and truth to say I did not feel very glad to hear that it was the Augustin and that Capt & Mrs Gaber were coming on board. However I got up and fixed up as much as possible at 10 o'clock and took notice, and it did me a great deal of good seeing them, cured me completely. I gave Mrs G. some of the Indian meal then Capt Fish gave me some salt fish that we cured in the Bay, and some figs, after tea Capt Fish



Landed his boat and passed the evening with us, it was  
 eleven o'clock when our company left almost as light as  
 day and calm as a lake, it was prophesied that one of the  
 ships would get a whale tomorrow, I wish we might  
 be the fortunate one if any. Capt. Laker has not done much  
 this voyage. He saw one whale this afternoon Landed  
 the boats but he disappeared very mysteriously. I cut  
 Laker's loaf of cake for supper, it was just as fresh and nice  
 as though it was just made, it was pronounced very nice,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> I think for good return close by, as Capt. Fish came on  
 board in the afternoon, he brought me a jar of pickles and a  
 jar of currant jelly, also brought us a few pickled cod fish which  
 he procured of a Caku Brig and a Salmon, he in return  
 for his many kindnesses gave him two pigs. Milton Fish  
 also came on board, he is 4<sup>th</sup> Mate and Boatsteward, I in-  
 vited him into the cabin and had a nice talk with him -  
 I never saw him before but I knew his Father & Mother  
 indeed they are relations of Sumner's

5<sup>th</sup> quite a strong breeze the middle of the day but in the  
 afternoon it moderated again. I commenced a letter  
 home this afternoon, I had previously thought that I would  
 wait until we had got a whale before I commenced  
 writing, but becoming almost discouraged I thought I would  
 wait no longer. It looks almost as dark to me now as it  
 has any time this voyage, because we want oil so much -  
 but if "patience has its perfect work" we may do well yet.

6<sup>th</sup> quite pleasant in the morning, in the afternoon a  
 strong breeze sprang up.

7<sup>th</sup> During the night the wind increased to a moderate  
 gale, lay to in the afternoon.

8<sup>th</sup> The gale remains about the same, one Bargie in sight.

9<sup>th</sup> The gale remains the same, rather a moderate gale -  
 attended with considerable rain, gloomy disagreeable weather,  
 no whales to be seen, and all hands appear to be rather low  
 in spirits.

10<sup>th</sup> The gale has abated and now by way of change we have a  
 dead calm, for the last several days we have had a head  
 wind, so that we could not get where we wished to, and  
 now we are delayed still longer. Oh for patience!



I took this day to rest although it was Sunday, as I had been waiting all the week for a pleasant day. On Wednesday we are under the necessity of taking a pleasant day for such purposes whenever it comes, whether Monday or Saturday.

11<sup>th</sup>. A pleasant day with a nice breeze, made the land in the afternoon. Saw Mount St. Elias rearing its lofty head far above the clouds. Two ships in sight, one close on by the land. In the afternoon raised for a wonder a right whale. The boats lowered very soon, chased several hours without success.

Although getting quite near several times, it was a very large whale and how I did want them to get fast.

However it is encouraging to see one occasionally even if we are not to have them, he began to fear that they were all dead. 12<sup>th</sup>. Another dead calm, land nearly covered in snow is visible all along the coast, snow being very high.

13<sup>th</sup>. A strong breeze. a ship in sight at a distance about 11 A.M. Spoke the Gen. Scott Capt. Huntington. I went on board for a few minutes, they had taken nothing like many others, had been fast to a whale a few days previous, that stove two boats, lost one man &c. P.M. the gale increasing, so that after supper we "lay to".

14<sup>th</sup>. The officer of the watch came below about 4 o'clock telling I saw a ship for a ship miles off that wanted to speak us. So he went down to the ship. She proved to be the Fulcrum of New Bedford, Capt. Vinegar, 8 months out, nothing this season. Capt. W. came on board about 5 o'clock and stayed until 9 P.M. He is very good company and I enjoyed his visit very much. He heard of the Montreal having 1 whale, the Corinthian 2 and the Baptist 2. Raised whales for a wonder in the afternoon. Both ships boats went down but did not succeed in striking them. There was a heavy fog which prevented their seeing the whales to good advantage from the boats. Yesterday we started South intending to go on Kamshatka ground but in consequence of seeing these whales we shall cruise over this ground tomorrow. Capt. Vinegar has his son fourteen years old on board with him. I sent him a couple of books and a paper of figs by his father.

15<sup>th</sup>. A pleasant day the fulcrum in sight, saw them chasing whales several times during the day, but we saw nothing.

I forgot to mention that the had been fast to a whale which



Stove two boats and then went off taking a large quantity of line. 16th A calm again two ships in sight, at half past nine P.M. just as we had retired for the night, the officer of the watch came running down during a night whale just turned a flukes close by the watch, it was rather late, but Samuel felt as if he could not let the chance escape, so sent the boats off to attempt a capture. The whale was about a mile to the windward the boats using their paddles came almost up to him, the whale meanwhile laying on the water, just as they got near him he went down, the second Mate's boat lay still and the whale came up in about two minutes close by the boat and the boatmen missed him, the same boatmen that missed before. He has had two chances now and failed each time, and Samuel feels that it would neither be doing justice to himself or others to give him another trial, a whale in these days is worth too much to lose recklessly. It made us all feel very badly.

17th A year today since we were stove in the ice, how time flies, and here we are doing nothing even as we were then - have been laying around today hoping we might see whales again but have seen nothing that looked like a right whale. A ship in sight which we suppose to be the Jubian - 18th We are again bound South Samuel being satisfied there is nothing here for him. The other ship has got mad by her looks and is off with "Main Royal and Studding Sails" out. In the afternoon she being quite near us, we luffed to, and Capt. Vinegar, lowered his boat, and came on board bringing us a bag of corn and three bottles of port wine for my special benefit. His son came on board with him, a very interesting lad. Minnie enjoyed his visit very much - I don't think he enjoys a sea life very much - poor boy, it made him think so much of his mother to see me. Oh, he says "I am so glad my mother used to give me such good counsel, for I don't think I shall grow to be so wicked as some of our boys are" referring to the sailors. I put up some little notions for him.

After he had been on board a short time we raised something which was thought to be a dead whale, but it proved to be a carcass of no value to anyone. When Capt. V. left he invited us to pass the next day



which was Sunday, on board his ship, he felt that it would do him good to have a lady on board and insist upon our coming - finally Samuel told him if it was calm so that we could get nowhere we would come.

19th The morrow has come and it is calm as a clock, and as delightful a day as of one often witnesses, I was glad for I wanted to go - knowing that I should enjoy myself, the Captain being excellent company - he started about 11 A.M. and arrived again on board the Addition at 10 P.M. We all passed a very pleasant day - Capt. W. enjoying it very much, it reminded him so strongly of home - Minnie attracted much notice of people she is generally the centre of attraction with company. She is not afraid to speak and her replies are generally to the point and usually interspersed with some salt remarks. The Capt gave me a couple of pounds of green tea, a couple of tins of preserved fruit apple and a few shells - I forgot to mention that we carried him a little pig - and gave him a piece of fresh pork. The good cook gave Minnie a little china cup and saucer which pleased her very much - For dinner we had a roast duck - potatoes onions some very nice biscuits Coffee - Mince pie, and for dessert - preserved peaches pine apples and quinces. For supper we had oysters, cold duck, biscuit, preserved pears, Mince pie, doughnuts and cookies. Capt. W. doing the honors very well. We arrived home delighted with our visit.

20th. Nearly calm, the ship Julian still in sight.

21st. Calm, Capt. Vinegar and Sammy came on board in the afternoon and stopped until 9 P.M.

22nd Samuel went on board the Julian to get some work done by his blacksmith, as we have none took Minnie with him, as he intended to stop the most of the day. Mr. Shepard the mate presented her with a little china doll, which she thinks of calling Emma Shepard. They returned home about 4 P.M. Capt. W. accompanying them.

23rd A strong breeze with a head sea rather uncomfortable weather especially in the cabin.

24th Samuel and Minnie went on board the Julian again as Samuel had a gun which needed repairing.



in case we should see whales again.  
 27th Capt. King and Lanning came on board and passed the day by special invitation. He had a very pleasant time. After tea it became rough with a strong breeze the barometer giving indications of a gale. Consequently he left early. We expect to part company soon. After enjoying each other's society for nearly a fortnight, as he intends going through Annisquam Strait into Bristol Bay and we think of going farther to the westward through the passage into the same bay hoping to find whales before we go in. After Mr. Huntley came on board he learned that there had been a stabbing affair on board the galeon, two of the men, an Irishman, and a Spaniard, got into a dispute, when the Irishman stabbed the other with his sheath knife quite badly in his shoulder, the mate had him put in irons immediately.

28th Had quite a strong breeze through the night, more moderate today. All the strong breezes come from just the way that we wish to go. So that we do not make much.

29th Saw a large right whale in the morning and another in the afternoon but it was too rugged to lower.

July 2nd. We have decided to go through Annisquam passage as we never shall get ~~anywhere~~ anywhere else with these winds. If lucky we may get there. Considerable rain has fallen this week and fogs have prevailed. I have been almost sick the past week with a severe pain in my head and face brought on by a cold, which settled in my teeth. Fin backs have been around the ship in great abundance today. Killed two from the ship. They turned up close by the ship, but before we could get a boat to them they sank to the bottom.  
 July 3d A fine pleasant day but a head wind. The first day that we have had an hour of pleasant weather for a week. Tomorrow is the glorious Fourth and what bright anticipations of the morrow are mingled with the religious exercises of today. If we could only get a whale on that day.



our anticipation would be more than realized. We would ask no better celebration. I can not give up the hope of getting something this season. I know there must be a little for us.

4th Minnie arose early this morning and bustled our flag, which was all the celebration we could boast of - as we did not get that whale that we hoped to - a beautiful day which I improved by washing after waiting 10 days for a clear day.

5th Clear and pleasant with a nice fair wind, raised a land this afternoon at the distance of 60 miles, a mountain on Animak Island.

6th Quite thick with some fog - As we got hold of the land the day before Sammel decided to run through into the Bay - which we did with safety. Raised a ship in the afternoon. Saw the Volcano on Animak sending forth a perfect cloud of smoke.

7th Just after we got through last night the wind left us entirely. but we were safely through and all was well. Nearly calm in the morning clear and pleasant. Land visible.

13th Have had an abundance of fog ever since we have been in here occasionally the sun would shine through the fog so that we were enabled to get observations. have been cruising around in all directions and seen neither ships nor whales. and have not been able to catch even one Cod-fish after I had made so much dependence upon them. This is the anniversary of our wedding day. Twelve happy years have passed since that never-to-be-forgotten day may we long be spared to gladden each other's hearts.

15th Have experienced almost constant fog ever since we entered the bay. have seen no ships nor whales except fin backs. there appears to be plenty of food here and there may be whales by and by - but Sammel feels as if he could not stop. he must be moving and now we are bound toward St Paul's and thence to the Arctic for we are poor the 15th of July and not a whale this season. This is Minnie's birth-day eight years old - I told her a month ago that when it was her birth-day I would make a treat for her in the evening and she might invite all the officers to partake with her. so she has ever since been looking forward to it as a great event. Saturday I made preparations and I was fortunate in doing so. for I



Suffered exceedingly Sunday night and the greater part of this day with a gathering at the roots of my tooth. I was able to get up however and prepare the treat for her. We set the table and called the officers down about 1/2 past 7 P.M. Minnie was so happy she hardly knew what to do with herself, and I think we all enjoyed it pretty well. The officers all united in saying that they had not sat down to such a table since they left home. The treat consisted of a plate of Sister Belia's fruit cake, two loaves of cup cake frosted, two plates of currant jilly tarts and a dish of preserved pine-apple. Also hot coffee good and strong with plenty of milk and white sugar. After we had finished there was an ample supply left which was sent into the storeroom for boatstuns &c. Minnie arose this morning about 4 o'clock to look at her presents. She had a box of little notions a book and a pocket handkerchief from Mrs. Brayton, a pair of china vases from Mary White two packages of paper dolls a book and a package of drawing-cards from Helen Whitney, an ivory shuttle and an half a dollar from her Papa and a bottle of Cologne a tooth-brush and a quarter of a dollar from her Mamma. Not of much value but they were all very pleasing to her.

21<sup>st</sup> The afternoon of this day the fog cleared up and the sun came out bright and pleasant after having a rain-storm of two days. We have been in the vicinity of Gore's Island for several days but it was calm and so thick we could neither see it, nor get observations, this morning Samuel thought he had cleared it and as we had a good breeze ventured to square the yards and make a fair wind of it, he got a latitude at noon, and at 4 P.M. got good altitudes so that now we know just our position.

22<sup>nd</sup> Made St. Lawrence Island this morning Samuel intended going off Cape Behring first but the wind hauled, he are headed now for King's Island where they have in times past made "good cuts." I cannot think for a moment that Dame Fortune will permit us to leave the whaling grounds at the end of the season, without one drop of oil. I exert all my powers to keep up the spirits of the Captain and officers, and I really believe that they are in far better spirits than though Minnie and myself were not here. About 7 P.M. heard the cry of "there blow!" we were almost sure we saw a school of bowheads but they proved to be "hump backs."



23<sup>rd</sup> Raining for the most part of the day about 6 P.M. came in thick and foggy so that Samuel gave up his intention of going to King's Island, and determined away to go through the Straits.

Saw a school of Minke Diggers about sunset.

24<sup>th</sup> Quite thick. Saw St Lawrence Bay and the land all along the coast in that vicinity.

25<sup>th</sup> Saw the land, raining through the day about 6 P.M. it set in very thick and foggy so that Samuel thought best to anchor which we did at the mouth of Michigam Bay in fourteen fathoms of water.

27<sup>th</sup> Cleared up a few minutes in the morning so that Samuel obtained a glimpse of our position, about 10 A.M. a strong breeze came up so that Samuel deemed it best to take up the anchor thick during the day and our position any thing but pleasant, land in every direction, besides a current to continue with, we made short tacks.

28<sup>th</sup> Saw the land again - this morning and found that we had kept about in the same place that we were yesterday as Samuel hoped to do. Saw a ship this afternoon which was a very welcome sight - foggy in the day.

29<sup>th</sup> Foggy through the night, in the morning cleared up a little so that we raised the ship close by the land passed East Cape and now if this breeze holds on for a few hours we shall be in the Arctic where I sincerely hope the fog will leave us, there has not been a day for the last month that we have not experienced more or less fog. About noon the wind left us, so we concluded that we would have a game, we were almost afraid to fear, that we should <sup>carry</sup> that they had been doing well in the Straits. We hauled up the main sail, and set the colors for the Captain to come on board, when who should make his appearance but Capt Coffin our last year's acquaintance of the *Champion*. I was very happy to see him, he has taken one right whale and picked up one fin back this season, he will not grudge it at all, for he was one of the fleet that went into the Solovids chain last fall, as it now looks we shall do the same this season.

I imagine our feelings when we were told there had been a grand cut taken off Cape Thaddens by a few ships in June when 30 or 40 ships were hanging about for weeks in the ice.



last season, and not a whale to be seen. Most of the ships that were there last season thought it of no use to go there so early this season, leaving their ships in pieces and getting nothing thereby, but would go to Kodiak the first part of the season and then come to the Arctic. The Mary & Susan took 1600 lbs. the Eliza Adams 400, Hassan seven whales Omega & Mary & William took 2. These are all the ships we have heard of that were there. I never felt so heart sick in my life as when we were told that why couldn't we have seen one of the number, because it was not far as I suppose, Capt. Coffin reports 8 ships in sight of him yesterday, came through Cairn's Straits in company with the Julian had taken nothing. Capt. G. had been in Behning Straits ever since the 18th in company with a dozen or more ships trying to get through. The good Return had taken nothing, the Speedwell nothing, the William Lifford nothing, the Orion nothing, Robert Edwards nothing, a crab nothing, Christopher Mitchell nothing, the Mission does company and it is comforting to know that we are not alone.

28th A thick fog in the morning but it cleared away so that about noon it was quite pleasant. I regretted very much that I had not washed, for I have been waiting two weeks for a good day. Ships in sight in all directions, we were surprised to see ships coming from the vicinity of Cape Lisburne. Saw Capt. Coffin speak a ship, afterwards we spoke the Champion who informed us that it was the Hibernia Capt. Edwards had taken 6 right whales two on Kodiak and two off Cape Shaddens where right whales were never heard of before. He reported that Cape Lisburne was full of ice and about 40 ships there waiting for the ice to open. Oh dear! shall we get any thing that is my last thought when I go to sleep and my first when I wake and also the burden of my dreams. Capt. Edwards reported the loss of the William Tell off East Cape went ashore laying aback in a fog. Capt. Austin was on board the Hibernia and they were going down to take a look. He reported the Saratoga as having done very well on Kamstchatka. Capt. Coffin came on board to tea, after tea we spoke the New England & New London Capt. Hemstead had taken two fin backs which make him 11 barrels each being all he had



taken for a year and a half, when we hear of such poor ones it ought to make us contented with our lot for we have done very fair if we could only get a few hundred this season. Capt H. felt bad and I pitied him from my heart.

30th A wonderful circumstance when we were called in this morning the sun was shining bright, now for a week or day, thought I if it is Saturday, so I went to work, had a large wash it being four weeks since I had had one before - just as I got about half through the fog came thicker than I ever saw it before. I was obliged to put my white clothes in soak and dry the colored clothes in the cabin. Several ships in sight also land. Saw Point Hope a low point which makes at out about 15 miles, the land there is very clearing, the water deep until you are close in, I was very glad we had an opportunity of seeing it before the fog came on, there is quite a settlement on the point. Saw the Caravan another poor one. After dinner I made some cake to put away for as we are in the midst of ships, it is likely that we shall have more or less company while there is no whaling to do. ~~31st~~ The last month of our dependence when it is gone we shall probably be able to tell whether there is anything for us, it does not look very promising today - it is blowing a gale of wind and quite thick. Several ships in sight, passed the Bark Covington Capt Newman. Saw a low head to day going like a shot to the windward, probably to the ice.

Aug 1st Yesterday I found myself a little in advance of the true time, it goes rapidly enough of itself without hastening it, a gale of wind still, several ships in sight 2nd a strong breeze but they thought if I put my clothes out they would dry in a short time and I foolishly did so, the consequence was, that I have old rags enough now to supply the whole ship. I found how they were going and took them in the cabin to dry not however until several garments were torn past mending. 3rd Quite pleasant in the morning in the afternoon another gale sprang up, on the third edition of the former one we have kept our position quite well of Point Hope the wind is North so that we cannot go where we wish. eight ships in sight during the day.



4th. A thick fog in the morning afterwards cleared up fine, the pleasantest day of the season Cape Lisburne in sight but the wind is ahead and we do not make much progress in beating. We are now 40 miles from where we took our oil last season. Saw a whale after tea which we thought must be a bow-head, but it proved to be a fin-back an unusual circumstance in this ocean. 14 ships in sight at 9 P.M. the barometer goes up slowly which indicates pleasant weather.  
5th. A thick fog in the morning, cleared up several times for a short time through the day. In the afternoon quite a strong breeze. About 8 P.M. we very nearly came in contact with the ship Champion saw her in the fog only just in time to escape her. I have feared land and ice in fogs before but I never thought so much about ships. We spoke with Capt. Coffin after passing him, he said that he thought he had seen three bow-heads that day.  
6th. A strong breeze which soon increased to a gale. Six ships in sight the Speedwell close by us. passed the Robert Edwards the Caravan and the Champion. After tea the gale increased and bade fair to be the most severe of the season.  
7th. The gale through the night and this forenoon was very severe but about noon it moderated a little, the Speedwell still in sight. I wish it was good weather so that I might visit Mrs. Gills if we could not see any whales. That is I forgot the most important intelligence to note in my journal of yesterday. We saw a ship "pirily and truly" cutting in a whale the first we have seen this season. We have not even seen a smoke now spoken but one ship that has taken a whale, surely there are hard times indeed. We are supposed to be on the ground now where the whales were taken last year. But if the weather is to be as rough as it has been since August came in there will be a small chance of taking oil providing we see the whales.  
A thick fog every day in July and a gale of wind thus far every day in August. Who will say there are not hard times? -

About 9 P.M. saw what we suppose to be three right whales -

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